

## **Policy – Circumstances when a groundwater licence fee is not charged for dewatering**

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<b>Policy</b>	<p>A groundwater licence fee shall not be imposed if the proponent is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a government agency or</li><li>• a statutory authority</li></ul> <p>and the purpose is to abate a public nuisance and does not contribute to the proponent's core business activities or commercial return.</p>
<b>Definitions</b>	<p>Government agency includes Federal, State and Local Government entities and contractors acting on their behalf.</p> <p>Public nuisance includes salinity mitigation, and dewatering to protect foundations, structures and public assets.</p>
<b>Effective date and review date</b>	<p>This policy takes effect on 1 September 2020.</p> <p>It is due for review by September 2023.</p>
<b>Who is affected</b>	<p>This policy applies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a government agency, or</li><li>• a statutory authority.</li></ul> <p>It does not apply to private enterprises or individuals who dewater in order to minimise the impact of high water tables or salinity on their business.</p>
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>Dewatering under this policy is for infrastructure and safety and not for the commercial benefit of the government agency or statutory authority.</p> <p>To remove any doubt, if water extracted under this policy is used for commercial applications, normal licence fees shall apply.</p>
<b>Contact</b>	<p>For more information on this policy, contact Manager Applications.</p>
<b>Related documents</b>	<p>Nil</p>
<b>Communications</b>	<p>This policy will be made available on SRW's website.</p>

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