Reminding all drillers



- received a copy of the Bore Construction Licence (BCL)
- read and understood all the conditions on the BCL
- clarified any details with Southern Rural Water (SRW).

Call us first on 1300 139 510 (toll free) If you need to:

- drill deeper than the BCL allows
- drill extra bores
- change the proposed bore site.

If you are constructing a new bore or altering an existing bore

You must ensure that a BCL is obtained before any work begins. This applies to any bore where groundwater is to be intercepted - even if the bore is for investigation and/or observation purposes.

Failure to obtain a licence to construct a bore is an offence under the Water Act 1989 and SRW will not hesitate to take legal action against drillers and their clients where the law is breached.

You must:

- ensure the bore is drilled according to the BCL conditions and completed before the BCL expiry date.
- provide a copy of the Bore Completion Report to SRW and to the Licensee within 28 working days of the works being completed.

Please call SRW for Bore Completion Report books.

If, during construction, you need to drill deeper than the BCL allows

You must stop drilling at/before the maximum depth is reached. Call SRW immediately (1300 139 510 toll free), explain the situation and give an idea of the additional depth required. SRW staff will assess the revised depth, notify you of any additional requirements and provide, where appropriate, approval to proceed in the shortest possible timeframe.

If you need to drill more bores that are authorised on the BCL

SRW must authorise any additional bores on a site before the work starts. This applies to all bores - investigation, monitoring, domestic & stock, irrigation etc.

More information

For more information, application forms or fact sheets, phone us on 1300 139 510 or visit our website www.srw.com.au





