

AWA Catchment Management Specialist Committee

Source Water Protection Governance – Website Template	
Jurisdiction:	Tasmania
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Institutional arrangements summary	<p>The main environmental protection legislation in Tasmania is EMPCA (1994). Designated “Level 2” activities are regulated by EPA. Lower “Level 1” activities are delegated and regulated by Local Government (Environmental Health Officers).</p> <p>There is no Catchment Authority, and the water authority (TasWater) has no specific head of power with regard to source protection.</p> <p>Land use planning (and therefore land use) is managed by Local Government via LUPPA.</p> <p>The Forest Practices Authority regulate the forestry industry via the Forest Practices Act.</p> <p>The Water Management Act 1999 considers quantity and surety (water licencing and environmental flow) but does not consider quality.</p>
Primary legislation	<p><i>List key state legislation relevant to source protection activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Management Pollution Control Act (EMPCA 1994) • Land Use Planning Approvals Act (LUPPA 1993) • Forest Practices Act (1985) • Water Management Act (1999) • EPBC (1999) <p>(https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/)</p>
Key Policy Documents (incl standards and guidelines)	<p><i>List relevant policy, strategy, guidelines and standards</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Policy on Water Quality Management (1997) • ANZECC Guidelines • Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2011 • Rural Water Use Strategy
State Government organisations	<p><i>List the state government agencies that have a lead role in establishing policy and/or regulating source water protection</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) • Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) • Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPAC) • Local Government via Planning Schemes • Local Government via EMPCA compliance activities
Water authorities	<p><i>List the water authorities (urban and rural)</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TasWater (state-wide GBE providing drinking water, wastewater and re-use services) • Tasmanian Irrigation (state-wide GBE developing and running commercial irrigation schemes) • Hydro Tasmania (state-wide GBE running hydroelectric power generation schemes (and default water owner in Tasmania)) • Local Government authorities. Responsible for stormwater management and non-centralised wastewater services (e.g. septic systems and AWTS)
Other details	<i>Nil</i>
References/Links	<p>https://nre.tas.gov.au/water</p> <p>https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/</p> <p>https://epa.tas.gov.au/</p> <p>https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/</p> <p>https://www.fpa.tas.gov.au/</p> <p>https://planningreform.tas.gov.au/planning</p>
Attachments	<i>Nil</i>