

AWA Catchment Management Specialist Committee

Source Water Protection Governance – Website Template	
Jurisdiction:	Western Australia
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Institutional arrangements summary	<p>The following Western Australian state government agencies are responsible for the management of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • water resources (source protection and water allocation) and the environment: Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) • drinking water quality: Department of Health <p>DWER has formally delegated catchment management and by-law enforcement of proclaimed Public Drinking Water Source Areas (PDWSA) to the Water Corporation. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between DWER and Water Corporation for Drinking Water Source Protection requires the Corporation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out surveillance of catchment activities; • Enforce relevant by-laws; • Prepare plans for the management of drinking water catchments; and • Manage and care for land within PDWSAs owned or vested in DWER. <p>Water Corporation also has a MoU with the Department of Health for drinking water which incorporates the <i>Framework for the Management of Drinking Water</i> approach set out in the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. This MoU integrates all facets of the drinking water management and quality assurance system contained within the ADWG 2011. Under this MoU, the Corporation and the Department of Health recognise their responsibility in source protection and where risks are identified within catchments, both agencies will respond to manage the risks.</p> <p>Water Corporation is a licenced water service provider and is the principal supplier of water, wastewater and drainage services to over 2 million people throughout Perth and Western Australia. Water Corporation currently manages over 120 drinking water sources throughout Western Australia. There are approximately 20 other licensed water services providers that provide drinking water/wastewater services in WA.</p>
Primary legislation	<p><i>Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947</i></p> <p><i>Country Areas Water Supply By-laws 1957</i></p>

	<p><i>Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage, and Drainage Act 1909</i></p> <p><i>Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage By-laws 1981</i></p> <p><i>Water Agencies (</i></p> <p><i>Water Services Act 2012</i></p> <p><i>Water Services Regulations 2013</i></p> <p><i>Health Act 1911</i></p>
Key Policy Documents (incl standards and guidelines)	<p>Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2011</p> <p>State Planning Policy 2.9 Water Resources (WA Planning Commission 2021)</p> <p>Strategic Policy: Protection public drinking water source areas in Western Australia (Department of Water, June 2016)</p> <p>Water Quality Protection Note 25: Land use compatibility tables for public drinking water source areas (DWER 2021) and other relevant WQPNs</p> <p>Operational Policy 13: Recreation within public drinking water source areas on crown land (DWER 2019)</p>
State Government organisations	<p>Department of Water and Environmental Regulation</p> <p>Department of Health</p>
Water authorities	<p>There are approx. 20 licenced water service providers in WA listed on the Economic Regulation Authority’s website</p> <p>Water Corporation is the largest water service provider in WA. Others include Aqwest (Bunbury) and Busselton Water (Busselton).</p>
Other details	<p>For information on source protection:</p> <p>WA.gov.au Drinking water matters: https://www.wa.gov.au/service/natural-resources/water-resources/drinking-water-matters</p> <p>WA Department of Health – Drinking water catchment management: https://www.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Drinking-water-catchment-management</p> <p>Water Corporation Drinking Water Catchment Protection information sheet</p>
References/Links	
Attachments	