

Water Resources Act 1998

ACT Groundwater Bore Owners and Water Users

The ACT *Water Resources Act 1998* was passed in the Legislative Assembly on 26 November 1998. The Act provides for the sustainable management of surface and groundwater resources of the Territory.

This notice does not apply to people who use water provided by ACTEW.

Environment ACT is now collecting information from the community on general water use matters, for example, location of bores, bore yields, bore water quality and the extent of direct extraction from rivers and streams. Such information is not currently available in a comprehensive form and is vital to the sound management of our valuable water resources. The information will enable the Government to consider appropriate water resource management arrangements.

Section 74 (6) of the Act requires each lessee or occupier of land on which a bore or water control structure is situated from which water is or is capable of being taken provide information to the Environment Management Authority about:

- (a) in the case of a bore-
 - (i) the location of each bore and its depth; and
 - (ii) the volume of water taken from each bore and the volume of water each bore produces;
- (a) in the case of a waterway-
 - (i) the volume of water taken from the waterway;
 - (ii) the manner in which the water was taken; and
- (c) description of any water control structures which are used to take water which would require a licence under the Act.

As a first step in providing this information you are requested to provide your name and address, by 15 January 1999 to:

Environment Management Authority
PO Box 144
LYNEHAM ACT 2603

or to contact Gary Croston, Water Unit, Environment ACT on (02) 620 72332. Under the Act failing to provide the information could result in a penalty of up to \$25,000.

Dated the tenth day of December 1998

Gary Croston
Environment Management Authority