

# Monitoring bore

## Fact sheet

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**Monitoring bores are specifically used to obtain data on groundwater including groundwater levels, pressures and water quality over periods of time. These bores cannot be used for any other purposes and can rarely be converted to any other type of bore as they are not designed or constructed to be pumped or supply water.**

All monitoring bores must be constructed in accordance with the [Minimum Construction Requirements for Water Bores in Australia](#).

Prior to selecting a site for your monitoring bore, you should consider environmental impacts like dependent ecosystems, heritage and culturally significant sites, if land clearing will be required and obtain appropriate permissions from the relevant authorities (if applicable).

### How do I know whether I need an approval for a monitoring bore?

Some monitoring bores are exempt under the Water Management (General) Regulations 2018, it's your responsibility to assess whether you meet an exemption or require an approval.

### Monitoring bore exemption definition

An exempt monitoring bore constructed in accordance with the [Minimum Construction Requirements for Water Bores in Australia](#) that is—

- required by an order, or approved voluntary management proposal, under Part 3 of the [Contaminated Land Management Act 1997](#), or
- required by the conditions of a development consent under Part 4, of an approved project under Part 3A or of an approval under Division 5.2 of Part 5, of the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#), or required or undertaken as a result of an environmental assessment under Part 5 of that Act, or
- required by a condition of an environment protection licence under the [Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997](#), or
- required under the [Protection of the Environment Operations \(Underground Petroleum Storage Systems\) Regulation 2014](#), or
- constructed and operated only by the Ministerial Corporation.

If you meet one or more of above definition, then **no approval** is required for your monitoring bore.

### Monitoring bores that don't meet the above exemption

If you wish to apply for a monitoring bore that doesn't meet the exemption in the Water Management (General) Regulations 2018, you will need to submit an application and pay the application fee.

#### Need help?

If you need further information, please contact our Customer Service Centre on 1300 662 077, Monday to Friday between 8am-5pm or email [Customer.Helpdesk@waternsw.com.au](mailto:Customer.Helpdesk@waternsw.com.au)