

GUIDE TO USING THE IDAS DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FORMS

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Development in a declared catchment area

This guide is designed to help people determine if an application triggers referral to the Department of Natural Resources and Water (NRW) in relation to development in a Declared Catchment Area under the *Water Act 2000*.

This guide is of particular assistance to people who propose to subdivide land or to carry out assessable development that involves installation of a septic tank or on-site sewerage system, near a major water storage.

Declared Catchment Areas

Land use practices in catchments can affect the quality of water running off the land into watercourses. Of particular concern are the parts of catchments adjoining major storages used for urban drinking supply. Because these areas adjoin major storages they tend to attract developments such as rural residential subdivisions that can adversely impact the quality of the water in the storages. Declared catchment areas are concerned with regulating development in these areas to minimise the risk to water quality.

Declared catchment areas are established by regulation under the *Water Act 2000* by declaring an area to be a “catchment area” for the purpose of preserving the quality of water in the area.

Within declared catchment areas, NRW has jurisdiction to consider the impacts from subdivision and certain development, to reduce the risk of degradation of the quality of water entering the adjacent storages.

Location of Declared Catchment Areas

The following table lists the storages associated with a declared catchment area and the relevant local authorities.

Storage	Local Government Areas
Atkinson Dam	Esk, Laidley
Bill Gunn Dam	Laidley
Bjelke Petersen Dam	Kilkivan, Murgon, Nanango, Wondai
Burdekin Falls Dam	Belyando, Bowen, Dalrymple
Burnett Barrage	Burnett, Kolan
Callide Dam	Banana
Cedar Pocket Dam	Cooloola
Coolmunda Dam	Inglewood
Eungella Dam	Mirani

Storage	Local Government Areas
Fairbairn Dam	Emerald
Fred Haigh Dam	Kolan, Miriam
Glenlyon Dam	Stanthorpe
Kinchant Dam	Mirani
Kolan Barrage	Burnett
Leslie Dam	Warwick
Maroon Dam	Boonah
Moogerah Dam	Boonah
Peter Faust Dam	Whitsunday
Tinaroo Falls Dam	Atherton, Eacham
Wivenhoe Dam	Esk

A map of each declared catchment area is available at the relevant local NRW office. The maps are also available on the NRW website:

www.nrw.qld.gov.au/water/declaredareas/declaredcatchment.html. These maps can be used to determine if a property is within a declared catchment area.

Triggers for NRW as Referral Agency

A development application for land within a declared catchment area must be assessed by NRW if the application involves either of the following -

- reconfiguration of a lot, if any resulting lot is less than 16 hectares; or
- the establishment or expansion of a wastewater disposal system, other than a disposal system for carrying out an Environmentally Relevant Activity (ERA) under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*. (This would include works such as a septic system or an on-site sewerage system. It would not include works to connect to an existing sewerage system).

If either of the above triggers apply to a development application, NRW is a **concurrency agency** for the application. When an application is referred to NRW, the department may set conditions that must be applied to a development permit, or may require that the application be refused, in order to preserve the quality of water in the area.

For More Information

For more information about water-related development, please call any of the local offices of NRW listed overleaf.

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