

Water Amendment (Minor Amendments to Water Resource Plans) Regulations 2020

I, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following regulations.

Dated 29 October 2020

David Hurley Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

Keith Pitt Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Water Amendment (Minor Amendments to Water Resource Plans) Regulations 2020.*

2 Commencement

(1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information			
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details	
1. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	17 November 2020	
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te: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It wil not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

(2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under the Water Act 2007.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Water Regulations 2008

1 After regulation 2.11

Insert:

2.11A Minor or non-substantive amendments of water resource plans

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 66(1) of the Act, a minor, or non-substantive, amendment:
 - (a) of a water resource plan accredited under section 63 of the Act; and
 - (b) to which subregulations (2) and (4) apply;

is a kind of amendment to which section 66 of the Act applies.

- (2) This subregulation applies to an amendment that:
 - (a) goes only to a matter of spelling, punctuation, grammar or syntax, or the use of conjunctives and disjunctives; or
 - (b) updates a reference to:
 - (i) any law, or a provision of any law; or
 - (ii) a person, body or other entity, or an office, position, place, document or thing; or
 - (c) changes the format of the water resource plan; or
 - (d) numbers or renumbers a provision of the water resource plan; or
 - (e) changes the order of definitions or other provisions of the water resource plan; or
 - (f) affects the format, layout or printing style of maps that form part of the water resource plan, so long as the amendment does not change the depiction of the boundaries of:
 - (i) the water resource plan area; or
 - (ii) any SDL resource unit in the water resource plan area; or
 - (g) corrects any of the following errors:
 - (i) errors in numbering, cross-referencing and alphabetical ordering;
 - (ii) errors in references to any law, or provisions of any law;
 - (iii) any other errors of a nature similar to those mentioned in subparagraphs (i) and (ii).
- (3) A reference in subregulation (2) to any law includes a reference to a law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory.
- (4) This subregulation applies to an amendment that does not:
 - (a) alter the substance of the water resource plan; or
 - (b) affect rights or obligations.