

Update on Legislative Reform

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Phase 1 – Machinery of Government Reform

- Water Resources Legislation Amendment Act 2007
- Became operational 1 February 2008
- Abolished Water and Rivers Commission
- Assigned powers to Minister and Department of Water
- Established Water Resources Council

Phase 2 - New Legislation Development

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water Agencies (Powers) Act 1984• Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947• Country Towns Sewerage Act 1948• Land Drainage Act 1925• Metropolitan Water Authority Act 1982• Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Act 1909• Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914• Water Services Licensing Act 1995• Water Corporation Act 1995• Water Boards Act 1904 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water Services Bill• Water Corporation Amendment Bill | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914• Metropolitan Water Supply Sewerage and Drainage Act 1909• Metropolitan Water Authority Act 1982• Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947• Land Drainage Act 1925• Waterways Conservation Act 1976• Water Agencies (Powers) Act 1984 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water Resources Management Bill |
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Water Services

- Part 1 – Preliminary
- Part 2 – Licensing of water service providers
- Part 3 – Last resort supply arrangements
- Part 4 – Water services ombudsman scheme
- Part 5 – Water services
- Part 6 – Water services charges
- Part 7 – Powers of water service licensees
- Part 8 – Administration
- Part 9 – Miscellaneous
- Part 10 – Transitional provisions
- Part 11 – Amendments to other Acts

Water Resources

- Part 1 - Framework and governance for water resources
- Part 2 - Water resource assessment, accounting and planning
- Part 3 - Water entitlements and their administration
- Part 4 - Finance
- Part 5 - Agency powers, liability and enforcement

Water Resources Progress

Complex areas

- Governance for water resources (Part 1)
- Water allocation and authorisation (Part 3)

Steady progress

- Planning (Part 2)
- Powers and finance (Parts 4 and 5)