

CATEGORY 9 – ACTIVE PLAYING SURFACES (SPORT, RECREATION AND CHILD CARE)

Are sporting ovals/sporting grounds/sporting clubs still allowed to water?

For the period 10 April to 31 May 2007 where a WEMP has been lodged by 30 April:

Where a WEMP has been submitted to the service provider responsible for the relevant local Government area for approval by 30 April 2007, water from the reticulated (town) supply system is not permitted to be used during the period of 10 April to 31 May 2007 for the watering of active playing surfaces except where:

- the watering is conducted in accordance with the terms of the lodged WEMP.

For the period 10 April to 31 May 2007 where a WEMP has not been lodged by 30 April 2007:

Where a WEMP has not been submitted to the service provider responsible for the relevant local Government area for approval by 30 April 2007, water from the reticulated (town) supply system is not permitted to be used during the period of 10 April to 31 May 2007 for the watering of active playing surfaces except where:

- the watering is conducted in accordance with the Active Playing Surface Guidelines; or
- otherwise, on the active playing surface:
 - the watering is performed by way of handheld hose or sprinkler; and
 - the watering is conducted between the hours of 8.00 pm on Tuesday and 4.00 am on Wednesday; and
 - the water is necessary to allow competitive sport and / or maintain the ability of the active playing surface to be used for it's intended purpose; and

After 31 May 2007, on such premises, water from the reticulated (town) supply system is not permitted to be used for the watering of active playing surfaces of sports grounds except where:

- the watering is conducted in accordance with a WEMP that has been approved by the service provider responsible for the relevant local Government area by 31 May 2007; or
- a WEMP has not been so approved, the watering is in accordance with the Active Playing Surface Guidelines.

In either case, the customer must:

- by 31 May 2007 register the active playing surface with the relevant provider under that service provider's registration system;
- install a water meter by 31 May 2007;
- operate the installed water meter in accordance with the Active Playing Surface Guidelines;
- display a service provider approved sign on the premises; and
- otherwise comply with any reasonable directions of the service provider.

The requirements in this Restriction apply to premises that are within the Restrictions 1.2 and 1.3. Compliance with Restrictions 1.2 and 1.3 does not in any way reduce the obligation to fully comply with the requirements of this Restriction.

Why are sporting clubs still allowed to water?

A major consideration in the development of the Level 5 water restrictions has been to ensure the economic growth, social amenity and job security of the region is protected. The restrictions attempt to strike a balance between allowing residents to continue to enjoy their gardens, keep vehicles in a safe order, and undertake social activities such as weekend sport and recreation, while protecting our town water supplies.