



New South Wales

Water Management (General) Amendment (COVID-19) Regulation 2020

under the

Water Management Act 2000

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Water Management Act 2000*.

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Minister for Water, Property and Housing

Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to—

- (a) remake, in accordance with section 86 of the *Interpretation Act 1987*, special statutory provisions allowing meetings in which authorised officers take evidence and answers to questions to be conducted by audio link or audio visual link, and
- (b) have those provisions operate until 26 March 2021.

This Regulation is made under the *Water Management Act 2000*.

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Water Management (General) Amendment (COVID-19) Regulation 2020*.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

3 Amendment of Water Management (General) Regulation 2018

Clause 260

Insert after clause 259—

260 Power of authorised officers to require answers

- (1) This clause applies if under section 338B(4) of the Act an authorised officer issues a written notice to a person to require the person to attend at a specified place and time to answer questions.
- (2) The authorised officer may in the notice, or in a subsequent notice, authorise the person to answer the questions using an audio link or audio visual link of a kind approved by the authorised officer.
- (3) If the questions are to be answered by the person using an audio link or audio visual link—
 - (a) the place at which the person is required to attend is taken to be a place having adequate facilities for the answering of questions in that manner at the time nominated under section 338B(5) of the Act, and
 - (b) the person must ensure that the audio link or audio visual link is operated appropriately so that the answers given to the questions are clear to the authorised officer.
- (4) In this clause—

audio link means technology that enables continuous and contemporaneous audio communication between persons at different places, including telephones.

audio visual link means technology that enables continuous and contemporaneous audio and visual communication between persons at different places, including video conferencing.
- (5) This clause is repealed on 26 March 2021.