



New South Wales

Water Management (General) Amendment (Water Supply Authorities) Regulation 2021

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*.

MELINDA PAVEY, MP
Minister for Water, Property and Housing

Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to amend the regulatory requirements applying to water supply authorities in relation to annual performance reports, strategic business plans and integrated water cycle management strategies (*the documents*). In particular, this Regulation—

- (a) removes the provision and approval of the documents as a prerequisite for levying service charges, and
- (b) imposes a requirement to submit the documents to the Minister.

This Regulation is made under the *Water Management Act 2000*, including sections 322(1)(e) and 400 (the general regulation-making power).

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Water Management (General) Amendment (Water Supply Authorities) Regulation 2021*.

2 Commencement

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

Schedule 1 Amendment of Water Management (General) Regulation 2018

[1] Clauses 121A and 121B

Insert after clause 121—

121A Annual performance report

A water supply authority must provide a report to the Minister, that is in accordance with any requirements of the Minister, relating to the performance of its functions during each financial year.

121B Planning and management documents

- (1) A water supply authority must apply to the Minister for approval of the planning and management documents in relation to the exercise of its functions under the Act.
- (2) A water supply authority must submit the planning and management documents for approval by 1 July 2024.
- (3) The Minister may—
 - (a) approve the planning and management documents in the form in which the documents were submitted for approval, or
 - (b) approve the planning and management documents with specified modifications, or
 - (c) refuse to approve the planning and management documents.
- (4) The Minister is not to approve the planning and management documents unless the documents comply with the requirements of the *NSW Best Practice Management (BPM) of Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines* published on the Department's website, as in force from time to time.
- (5) In this clause—

planning and management documents means—

 - (a) a strategic business plan, and
 - (b) an integrated water cycle management strategy.

[2] Clauses 197–199

Omit the clauses.