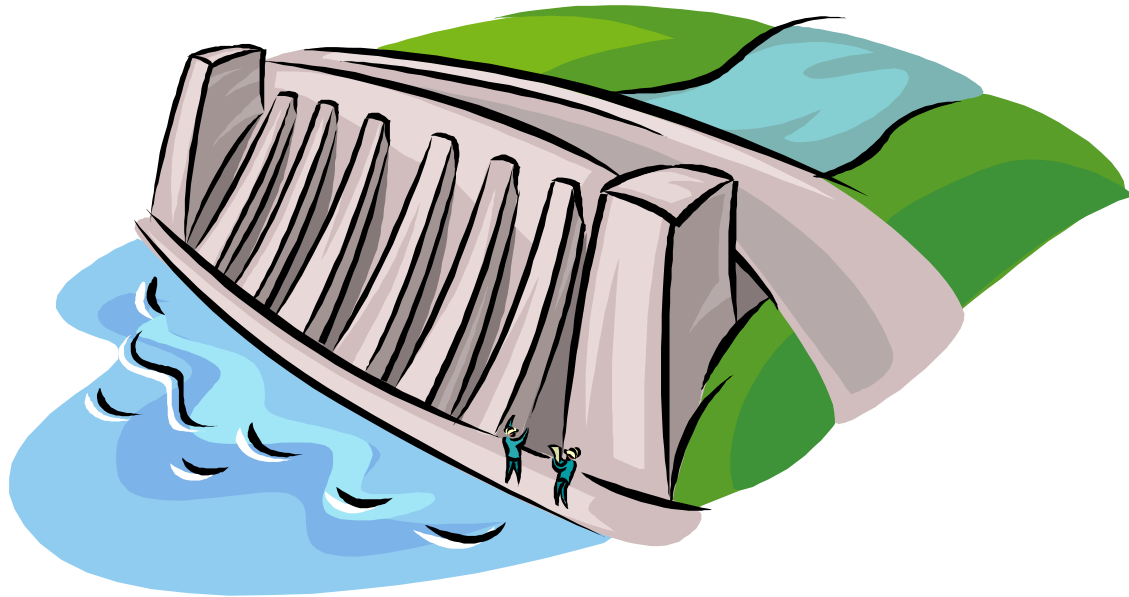


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- Main function is to carry out “water activities” (s.569)
- A water authority can decide which water activities it will carry out
- If a water authority has an area, its main function is to carry out water activities for its authority area

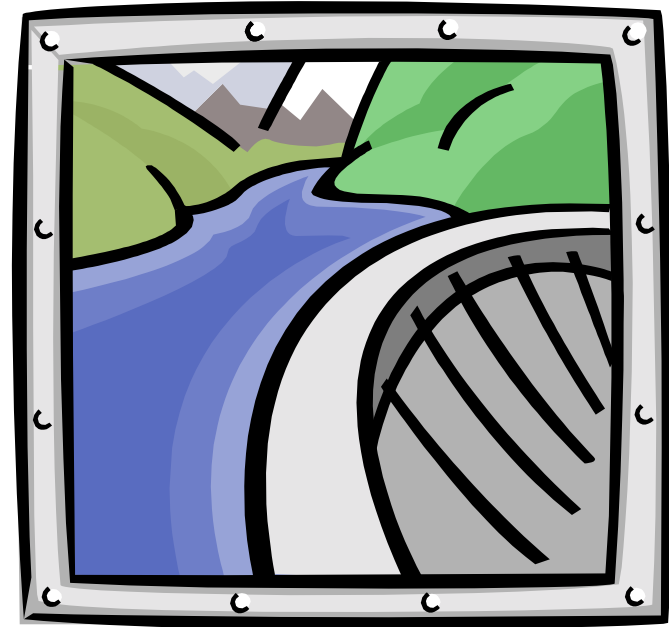


Functions of Water Authorities

- A category 2 water authority with an authority area can carry out water activities outside its authority area
- However, doing so must not:
 - Limit the authority's ability to perform its main function (water activities for its authority area) or
 - Financially prejudice the authority, its ratepayers or customers

Water Activities

- Defined in Schedule 4
 - Water conservation
 - Water supply
 - Irrigation
 - Drainage
 - Drainage can include stormwater drainage



Water Activities

- Flood prevention
- Floodwater control
- Underground water supply improvement or replenishment
- Sewerage
- Anything else dealing with water management





Functions of a Water Authority

- Water authorities can also carry out “other functions” (s.570)
- A water authority can decide which other functions it will carry out
- A water authority with an authority area can carry out other functions inside or outside its authority area

Other Activities

- Listed in s.570
 - Riverine area protection
 - Soil erosion control
 - Land degradation treatment and prevention
 - The management of recreational areas on land owned by the authority or under its control

