

Appendix A - Public Notices

Public Notice

Proposal To Prepare An Amending Draft Water Resource (Pioneer Valley) Plan

Water Act 2000

1. Proposal

This is a public notice of proposal to prepare an amendment to the Water Resource (Pioneer Valley) Plan under section 55 and 56 of the Water Act 2000. Notice is hereby given under Section 40 of the Water Act 2000 that the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines is to prepare an amending Draft Water Resource Plan for the Pioneer Valley as shown in the map to provide for the regulation of subartesian water. It also extends the boundary of the existing plan and the water to which the existing plan referred, to include the Alligator and Sandringham Creek catchments as shown in the map.

2. Background

The Water Act 2000 provides that the Minister may amend a Water Resource Plan. The amending plan may change the boundaries of the existing plan and may change or extend the stated purpose of the existing Water Resource Plan.

3. Purpose

The amending draft plan will be prepared for but not limited to the following purposes:

- defining the availability of water for any purpose;
- providing a framework for sustainably managing water and the taking of water;
- identifying priorities and mechanisms for dealing with future water requirements; and
- providing a framework for establishing water allocations.

4. Proposed Plan Area

The plan area for the Water Resource (Pioneer Valley) Plan amendment is identified in the map below.

5. Water to which the Amending Plan applies

The water to which the amending Draft Water Resource (Pioneer Valley) Plan applies will be subartesian water in the amending plan area; water in each watercourse, lake or spring and water collected in each dam or weir constructed across each watercourse, lake or spring in the Alligator and Sandringham Creeks catchment area shown in the map.

6. Information Report

An information report has been prepared about groundwater resource issues in the amending plan area and surface water issues in the Alligator-Sandringham Creeks catchment. The report also proposes arrangements for establishing a community reference panel to provide advice about matters relevant to the proposed plan and the proposed arrangements for technical assessment of groundwater in the plan area. Copies of the report can be obtained by contacting Mr Bob Sorensen on telephone (07) 4967 0874. The report may also be viewed or downloaded via the internet from: www.nrm.qld.gov.au/wrp/pioneer.html

7. Submissions

Submissions may be made about the proposal to prepare an amending Water Resource (Pioneer Valley) Plan or about arrangements for establishment of a community reference panel. Anyone may make a submission. Properly made submissions must be in writing, state the name and address of the person or persons making the submission, be signed by the person or persons making the submission, state the grounds of the submission and the facts and circumstances used to support the grounds.

All submissions will be treated with sensitivity and wherever possible in confidence. However, submissions may be viewed by other parties under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1992.

Submissions can be made to the following addresses:

POSTAL ADDRESS

The Chief Executive
(Attention: Mr Bob Sorensen)
Department of Natural Resources
and Mines
PO Box 63
MACKAY QLD 4740

STREET ADDRESS

The Chief Executive
(Attention: Mr Bob Sorensen)
Department of Natural Resources
and Mines
32 Wood Street
MACKAY QLD

Fax To: Department of Natural Resources
and Mines, Attention: Mr Bob Sorensen,
(07) 4957 4005

Enquiries To: Mr Bob Sorensen,
(07) 4967 0874

E-mail: pioneer.wrp@nrm.qld.gov.au

Web: www.nrm.qld.gov.au/wrp/pioneer.html

Submissions must be received on or before **5.00 p.m. Friday, 15 August 2003**.

Dated this **25th day of June 2003**.

Signed by Stephen Robertson
Minister for Natural Resources and Minister for Mines

Moratorium Notice

Water Act 2000

Draft Water Resource (Pioneer Valley) Plan Amendment

1. This is a Moratorium Notice under Section 26 of the Water Act 2000 for the area subject to the proposed Water Resource (Pioneer Valley) Plan amendment.

2. This Notice has effect on and from 25 June 2003 in the plan area identified in the map below right for the plan. The exact location of the plan area is held in digital electronic form by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines' Mackay Office.

3. This Notice applies to:

- the following water:
 - subartesian water;
 - water in each watercourse, lake or spring in the Alligator-Sandringham Creeks catchment; and
 - water collected in each weir or dam in or across each watercourse, lake or spring in the Alligator-Sandringham Creeks catchment.
- all applications whether made before or after publication of this Notice; and
- works that would increase the taking of, or interfering with, water.

4. An application for or about a water licence will not be accepted and applications made before publication of this notice will not be dealt with while this Notice has effect if the granting of the application would have one or more of the following effects on the water referred to in sections 3(a) of this Notice:

- increase the amount of the water that may be taken; or
- change the location from which the water may be taken; or
- increase the rate at which the water may be taken; or
- change the flow conditions under which the water may be taken; or
- increase or change the interference with the water; or
- change the purpose for which the water may be taken or interfered with.

5. Section 4 of this Notice does not apply to an application:

- to renew a water licence under Section 220 of the Water Act 2000;
- to transfer a water licence to another owner of the land to which the water licence refers under Section 222 of the Water Act 2000;
- to reinstate an expired water licence under Section 221 of the Water Act 2000;
- to replace a water licence under Section 229 of the Water Act 2000;
- for a water licence that would replace an expired licence and for which an application to renew the licence was not otherwise made under Section 220 of the Water Act 2000 or for which an application to reinstate the licence was not otherwise made under Section 221 of the Water Act 2000 and provided that:
 - on the day the Notice has effect, works were installed and operable to take or interfere with water authorised under the expired licence; and
 - the granting of the licence would not have an effect detailed in section 4(a) to (d) of this Notice.
- for a water licence or licences that would replace a licence that has ceased to exist under Section 49 of the Water Resources Act 1989 or expired under Section 229 of the Water Act 2000 and for which an application for the replacement of the licence was not otherwise made under Section 229 and provided that:
 - on the day the Notice has effect, works were installed and operable to take or interfere with water authorised under the expired licence; and
 - the granting of the licence or licences would not have an effect detailed in section 4(a) to (d) of this Notice.

6. A person must not start the construction of works, or continue to construct works in contravention of section 7 of this Notice. A contravention of section 7 of this notice is an offence under Section 26 (6) of the Water Act 2000 and renders a person liable to a maximum penalty of 1665 penalty units.

7. For subartesian water:

- new works must not be physically started;
- completed subartesian bores in existence must not be deepened, enlarged or changed;
- all works that are started under section 8 may be continued to the extent specified in section 7 (d) of this Notice; and
- all works that are started under section 8 of this Notice may continue to be constructed TO THE EXTENT THAT all works are completed by 25 August 2003.

8. (i) Works are not started unless, on the date of this Notice, the criteria specified in Section 26 (8) (a-c) of the Water Act 2000 are satisfied.

(ii) The owner of works on which construction has physically started on the day that this notice has effect must notify the department by 16 July 2003 that the construction of the works has physically started.

(iii) 'Physically started' means progress on the physical structure of the works as part of a continuous process towards construction of a production bore, including test drilling or installation of pumping equipment and does not include preparatory activities and activities such as site establishment of drilling and related equipment and preparation, including site clearing.

9. For subartesian bores that replace existing bores, replacement subartesian bores must be sited within 10 metres of the existing subartesian bore that is being replaced.

10. Section 7 of this Notice:

- applies only to the extent the works would:
 - increase the amount of water being taken or that could be taken;
 - change the location from which water is being taken or could be taken;
 - increase the rate at which water is being taken or could be taken; and
 - increase or change the interference with the water.
- does not apply to works for -
 - the taking of water authorised under sections 20(2), 20(3) or 20(5) of the Water Act 2000; or
 - domestic and stock water supply purposes, to take or interfere with subartesian water up to the volume necessary to supply the net volume of water required as determined using methods stated in the Department of Natural Resources and Mines Farm Water Supplies Design Manual, Volumes 1 and 3; or
 - activities authorised by or associated with mining tenements granted pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 or any other Act related to mining.

11. In this Notice reference to:

- 'subartesian bores' means 'subartesian bores' as defined in Schedule 4 of the Water Act 2000 and includes a shaft, well, bore, gallery, spear, excavation, temporary or permanent, that taps an aquifer and the water does not flow and never has flowed naturally to the surface.

(b) 'works' means 'works' as defined in Schedule 4 of the Water Act 2000 and includes works for the taking or interfering with flow of water in a watercourse, lake or spring or subartesian water including, for example, dams and weirs in a watercourse, subartesian bores and pumps on subartesian bores.

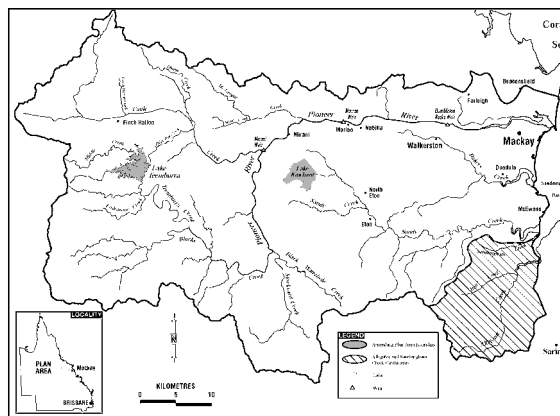
For further information on this Notice, contact Mr Bob Sorensen at the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Mackay (07) 4967 0874.

Dated this **25th day of June 2003**.

Stephen Robertson
Minister for Natural Resources and Minister for Mines



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Appendix B – Submission Form

Proposal to prepare Draft Water Resource (Pioneer Valley) Plan Amendment

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines is seeking submissions from interested individuals, groups or organisations about its proposal to prepare an amendment to the Water Resource Plan for the Pioneer Valley.

How to make a submission

Please complete the following five steps to make a properly made submission

- Enter the name and address of each person making the submission.
(Check that you have filled in the name and address section on this Submission Form)
- Each person making the submission must sign it.
(Check that the Submission Form has been signed by all persons whose name appears above)
- Please state the grounds of the submission and the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the submission.
(To do this, please answer the questions on this Submission Form)
- You may need more space to make your submission than that provided in this Submission Form. If this is the case, please attach this Submission Form as a cover sheet to your detailed submission.
(Please tick the 'Detailed submission is attached' box on this Submission Form)
- Your submission must be made in writing, email, or the Web Site and be **received by 5pm 15 August 2003**. (This is the closing date for submissions)

Please Note:

All submissions will be treated with sensitivity and wherever possible in confidence. However, submissions may be viewed by other parties under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1992.

Post this Submission Form and any attachments to:

Postal Address

Pioneer Water Resource Plan
Amendment Submissions
The Chief Executive
Dept of Natural Resources and Mines
PO Box 63
MACKAY QLD 4740

Street Address

Pioneer Water Resource Plan
Amendment Submissions
The Chief Executive Officer
(Attention: Bob Sorensen)
Dept of Natural Resources and Mines
32 Wood St
MACKAY QLD 4810

FAX to - 4957 4005

Web - www.nrm.qld.gov.au/wrp/pioneer.htm

Email Submissions - Submissions can be made via email through the following email address:- pioneer.wrp@nrm.qld.gov.au

If you wish to use this form as a complete submission please complete the following pages.



Office Use Only Submission No.: Data Received: Issue Category:
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Submission Form

On Proposal to amend the Water Resource (Pioneer Valley) Plan

Surname (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr)

First Name

Address Postcode

Fax

Organisation Position

Phone No Mobile Email

Signature(s) Date

Which interest group do you primarily represent (you may tick more than one box)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigator (surface water) | <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian landholder | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigator (groundwater) | <input type="checkbox"/> Horticultural interests | <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dryland farmer | <input type="checkbox"/> Local government | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial fisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grazier | <input type="checkbox"/> Stock & domestic water user | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational fisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental interests | <input type="checkbox"/> Small business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General industry | <input type="checkbox"/> State/Cmnth government | <input type="checkbox"/> Local government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cane grower | <input type="checkbox"/> Community group (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |

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In what subcatchment does your property occur?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer River | <input type="checkbox"/> Bakers Creek | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Creek |
| <input type="checkbox"/> McGregor Creek | <input type="checkbox"/> Alligator/Sandringham Ck | <input type="checkbox"/> Outside Pioneer Valley |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mackay City | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

Cattle Creek

What aspects of the Pioneer Valley groundwater system are important or of value to you (e.g. good quality water, productive capacity, water holes that groundwater maintains etc)?

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