

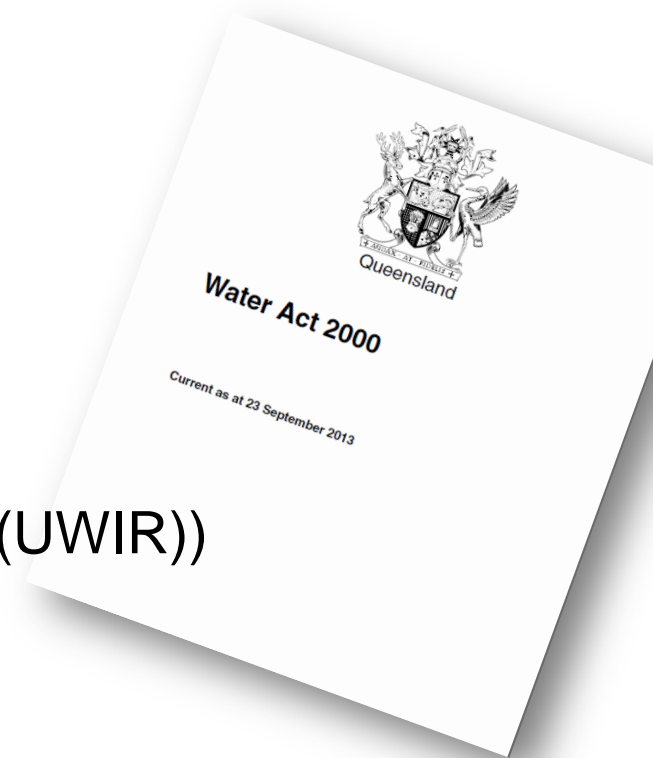


Make Good Framework

Chapter 3 of the *Water Act 2000*

Overview

- Chapter 3 of the Water Act
 - ✓ How impacts are identified -
(Underground water impact report (UWIR))
 - ✓ Bore Assessments
 - ✓ Make good agreements & measures
 - ✓ Complaints and Disputes



What this framework applies to...

- Water level decline impacts caused by petroleum tenure holders
- **NOT** impacts from mining operations (see Mineral Resources Act)
- **NOT** environmental / contamination impacts (see Environmental Protection Act)

Underground water
Impact Report

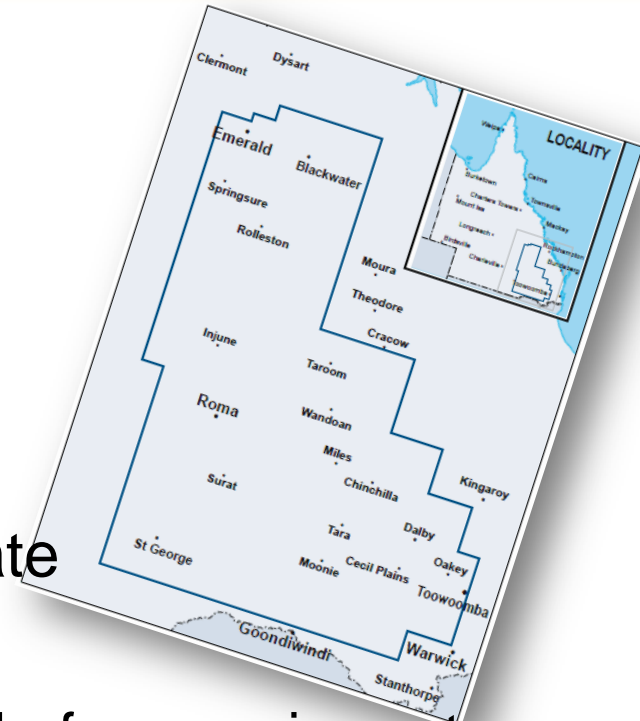
Bore Assessment

Make Good
Agreement (includes measures)

**Make good
obligations**

Predicting impacts - UWIRs

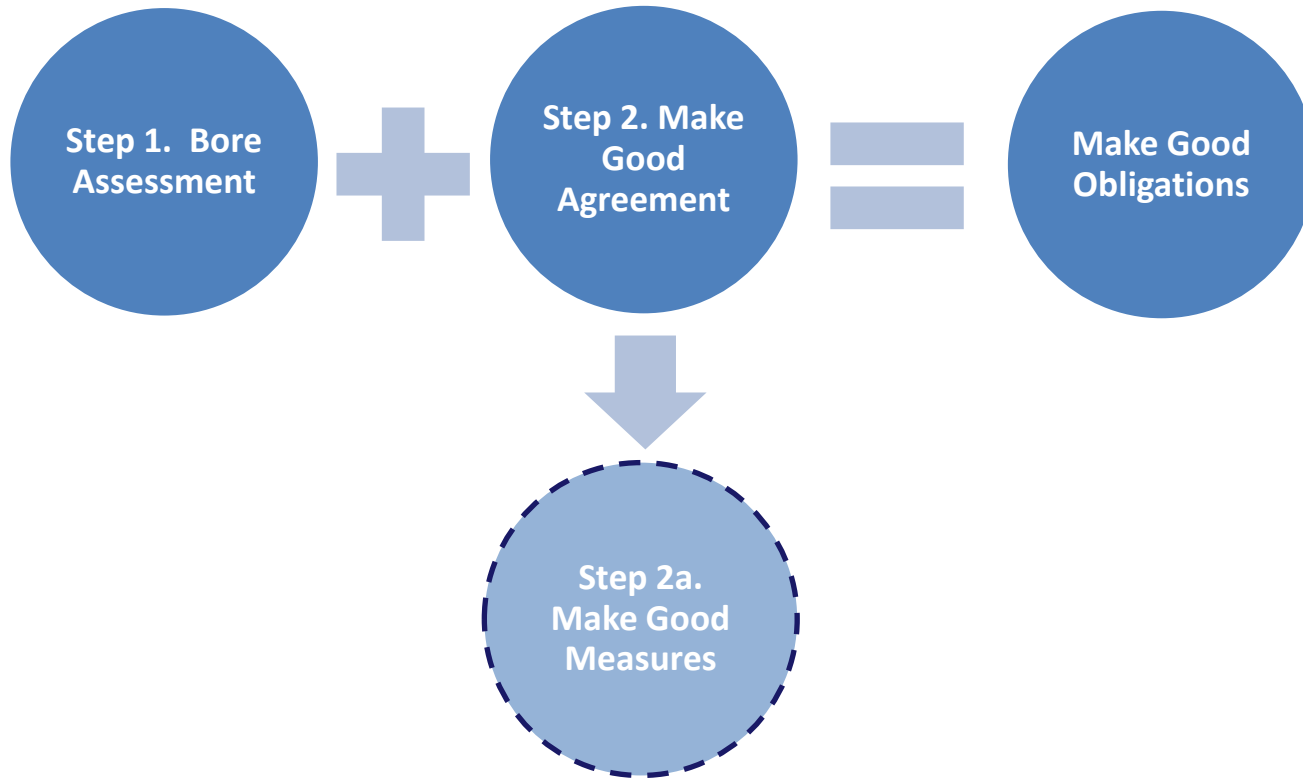
- Model, make predictions and set out monitoring obligations
- Predict impacts both in the immediate and long term
 - ✓ ensure that impacts are dealt with before any impacts occur
- Cumulative management area – dealt with by the Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment



Predicting impacts - UWIRs

- UWIR reviewed every year
 - ✓ determine if there has been any material changes impact on predictions
- New UWIR every 3 years
- Process for unforeseen impacts
 - ✓ tenure holders can be directed
 - ✓ contact the CSG compliance unit

Make Good Obligations



Step 1 - Bore assessments

Establishes whether a bore has or is, or likely to have an impaired capacity.

60 BD after UWIR takes effect (unless extension provided).

Sometimes tenure holders will accept impacts without assessment.



Step 1. Bore Assessment

Step 1 - Bore assessments cont...

Undertaken or certified by an independent third party

Facilitation of access is important

More information provided = more accurate assessment

Contact CSG compliance unit if concerned.



Step 1. Bore Assessment

Step 2 - make good agreements

A make good agreement is required for all bores that have had a bore assessment

State the findings / outcome of the assessment

Legal advice should be sought – at expense of tenure holder



Step 2. Make good agreements

Step 2a - make good measures

Make good measures only where a bore has or is likely to have an impaired capacity

- ✓ Deepening the bore
- ✓ Constructing a new bore
- ✓ Providing a different, but equivalent water supply
- ✓ Compensating with money




Step 2a. Make
Good Measures

Step 2a - make good measures cont...

Bore owners can negotiate – don't have to just accept what is offered

Tenure holders are only responsible for impairment caused by petroleum operation (e.g. not a rusted bore)

Monetary compensation needs to be very carefully considered



Step 2a. Make
Good Measures

Where an agreement can be changed

There is a material change in circumstances

The make good measures are ineffective

There is another effective and more efficient measure available

Complaints and disputes

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Further information and resources



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Frequently Asked Questions

Dispute Resolution Election Notice

Approved underground water impact reports

Bore Assessment Guideline