

# Sportsgrounds Water Use Plan Application

Sportsgrounds can water in accordance with water restrictions or Permanent Water Use Rules. Detailed information is available from your water utility's website.

During staged restrictions (excluding Stage 4) schools and councils can water outside of allowed watering times, subject to submitting a Water Use Plan to their local water utility for approval. The plan must identify the actions proposed to achieve a water usage reduction across their sportsgrounds.

At the completion of the application form, please attach a list of all outdoor recreation assets.

If this application is for a school, then clear evidence of your water conservation efforts within the school will be favourably considered. For example, previous participation in the Schools Water Efficiency Program (SWEP) or the Water - Learn it! Live it! education program.

**Note: Under Stage 2 & 3 restrictions, areas other than exempt playing surfaces, such as lawn areas, passive open space/parkland/playground, must not be watered at any time.**

## Applicant Details

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number (Bus): \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Melways Ref: \_\_\_\_\_

**Water utilities may audit property or facilities for compliance at any time.**

Water Use Plan application submitted at

Stage \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## General Notes

This form provides examples of responses that could be given within each section. It is expected that you complete this form accurately detailing the specific strategies and actions that will be used to manage the sports field to achieve water savings.

- (i) As a demonstration of compliance with your plan, please provide the anticipated savings as both a:
  - a. volume (kilolitres – 1000 litres) and
  - b. percentage – based on any continuous 12 month cycle falling within the period of Permanent Water Use Rules.
- (ii) Both parties agree that the savings shown in the following sheets are indicative only and provide an approximate savings per annum.
- (iii) A review will be undertaken to validate the actual savings achieved under this plan.

## Use of this Plan

- (i) This plan is intended to be used by owners / managers of sports fields where sport is played (including council, school & private sports fields).
- (ii) It is intended to share the data gathered about the sports field with other grounds managers to seek best practice in ground management, unless you indicate your preference not to do so in section 4.
- (iii) As a condition of approval watering between the hours of 10.00 am and 6.00 pm will not be permitted
- (iv) Requirements for plans on exempt playing surfaces will be handled on a case by case basis.



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Name of ground:		Address of ground:						
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### Please specify:

- Provide sportsground data in a spreadsheet (mandatory).
- Provide sportsground information as follows:
  - Number of grounds irrigated by mains water \_\_\_\_\_
  - Number of grounds not irrigated (by mains water) at all \_\_\_\_\_
  - Number of grounds irrigated by an alternate water supply (recycled, rainwater tank etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Number of other grounds e.g. synthetic turf \_\_\_\_\_
- Participate in sharing of data with other ground managers to establish best practice (optional)  
I will  will not  permit my data & practices to be shared.
- Average total water usage for sportsgrounds per annum (*in kilolitres*): \_\_\_\_\_
- Revised annual water usage for sportsgrounds per annum (*in kilolitres*): \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that the strategies and actions specified within this Water Use Plan are a true reflection of our intentions and that we will use best endeavours to ensure that the water savings outlined will be achieved.

Signed CEO or School Principal:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: / /

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