

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LICENSED WATER USE METERING POLICY

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Policy Details

This policy applies to holders of a water management authorisation under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*¹, such as a water licence or a water resources works approval.

The State-wide policy for metering licensed water use in South Australia is as follows:

- 1.1 All licensed water use shall be metered, unless the requirements of 1.7 below are met.
- 1.2 New meters will not be Government owned, they will be privately owned.
- 1.3 New meters will be installed at the owner's expense.
- 1.4 All privately owned meters will be professionally maintained at the owner's expense, in accordance with the South Australian Licensed Water Use Meter Specification (the Meter Specification).
- 1.5 When a Government-owned meter reaches the end of its functional life, as determined under the provisions of the Metering Specification, the water entitlement holder will be required to purchase, install and maintain a new meter at their own cost. Notwithstanding this, existing Government-owned meters may be transferred to a water entitlement holder at no cost prior to the meter reaching the end of its functional life.
- 1.6 Meter selection, location, installation, validation, maintenance (including repair, testing and replacement), as well as meter reading and the provision of advice to the Department for Environment and Water² must be undertaken in accordance with the Meter Specification and if additional detail is required, *Australian Standard Meters for Non-urban Water Supply (AS4747)*, as referenced in the Meter Specification.
- 1.7 Implementation of this policy will be sufficiently flexible to recognise on-ground regional implementation issues. Flexibility provisions and the process for seeking metering flexibility (where not automatic) will be documented in a meter implementation plan (MIP) for a particular prescribed water resource and made publically available. Where inconsistency arises between a MIP and the Specification, the MIP is to apply.

Supporting Documents

South Australian Licensed Water Use Metering Specification
Australian Standard Meters for Non-urban Water Supply (AS4747)

¹ Or any subsequent equivalent Act

² Or any subsequent equivalent Department