Notice of Intention to make a Water Extraction Licence Decision

Pursuant to section 71B of the Water Act

The Controller of Water Resources hereby gives notice that a decision is to be made regarding an application to grant a water extraction licence under Section 60 of the NT Water Act.

The application relates to the proposed annual extraction of 1,500ML from water bore RN003395 plus a number of proposed bores on NT Portion 2016 (Wubalawun) for the beneficial use of agriculture.

The source of the proposed extraction is the Tindall Limestone Aquifer, Mataranka for which the estimated sustainable yield over the next 10 years is expected to average 36,000ML/yr, and may range between a minimum of 200ML/yr in the driest year up to a maximum of 114,000ML/yr in the wettest year.

The quantity of water that currently may be taken from the aquifer under water extraction licences is up to a maximum of 10,425ML/yr. The quantity of water taken from the aquifer in 2012/2013 was approximately 4,737ML/yr.

Comments regarding this application should be made in writing by COB Friday, 13 December 2013 to the Controller of Water Resources, PMB 123 Katherine NT 0852.