

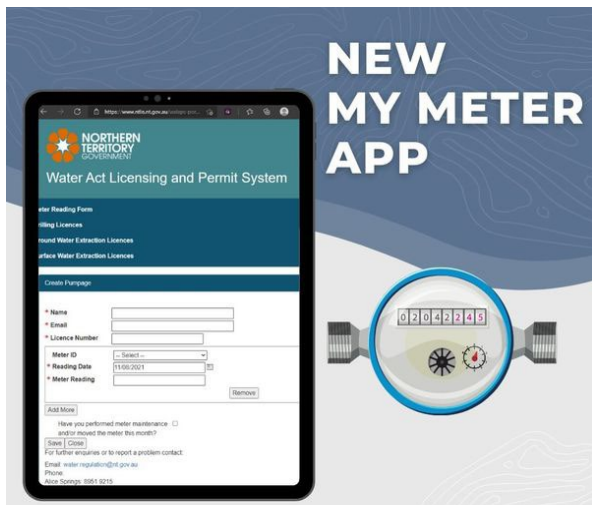
Report Card - Compliance and Enforcement Priorities 2021-22

Water Resources Division

The Water Resources Division is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Water Act 1992 (the Act), Water Regulations 1992 and licences and permits issued under the Act.

The division has published its [Compliance and Enforcement Priorities](#) 2021 -2026. These priorities are fundamental to water resource management in the NT. This report card is a snapshot of the division's activities for each of the priorities in 2021-2022.

1. Measuring and reporting water use



In November 2021 the division successfully launched its My Meter App. Using the App, more than half of the 595 licence holders now submit their meter readings directly into the division's database.

The App, also provides licence holders with a personalised dashboard showing them how much water they have used and allows them to compare their use with aggregated data in their water resource area.

With the App, the percentage of licence holders reporting water use has increased from 86% to 91%.

More information on the My Meter App is available from the [NTG website](#).

2. Registering bores and statements of bore

The division received and reviewed nearly 600 statements of bore this reporting period, 40% more than the previous year. Around 60% of the statements were received within the required 28 days. Importantly with each statement bore registration details are updated and displayed on [NR Maps](#).

3. Interfering with a waterway

The division received three reports of interference with a waterway during the reporting period.

As a result of the investigations a landholder in the Darwin rural area was fined for interfering with a waterway after they intentionally disturbed an area within the Blackmore Conservation Reserve at Berry Springs. The landholder used an excavator to remove vegetation around a waterway which affected the stability of the bed and banks of the waterway.

4. Unlawful water extraction

Reviewing water use records quarterly the division was able to prioritise its licence inspections during the year. Of the 120 compliance inspections this year, 10 licence holders were at risk of exceeding their licence entitlements, three of which received warning letters and six were sent show cause letters with no further action deemed necessary.

5. Recovery of unused licensed water entitlements

As the public health emergency eases, the processes associated with the recovery of unused water are resuming. No water was recovered this reporting period.