

Water Restrictions Council / School Sportsgrounds Water Conservation Plan Application

Sportsgrounds watering under water restrictions must be carried out in accordance with the Drought Response Plan (available from your water utility's website) as per the current stage of restrictions.

During Stage 2 & 3 restrictions, councils and schools can water nominated sportsgrounds, subject to submitting a Water Conservation Plan (WCP) to their local retail water business for approval. The WCP must identify the actions proposed to achieve a water usage reduction across their sportsgrounds of at least 25% per annum.

At the completion of the application form, please attach a list of all outdoor assets associated with Council/School.

Signage must be erected for Sportsgrounds with approval to water in accordance with a WCP. The signs must read – 'working within water restrictions under an approved Water Conservation Plan to save water'. Erection of the sign is required, cost will be borne by Council/School.

Under Stage 3 restrictions, only 25% of Council/School preferred Sportsgrounds will be considered for approval for watering in accordance with a WCP.

Note for Schools: Schools with 1 to 4 sportsgrounds may water one, schools with 5 to 8 sportsgrounds may water two, schools with 9 to 12 sportsgrounds may water three, with 25% saving on each ground.

For a school or other organisation* that has only 1 sportsground, and is not expected to make further savings due to the inability to rationalise sportsground numbers compared to Stage 2, the school or organisation must also participate in the Schools Water Efficiency Program (SWEPP), or carry out equivalent activities in the case of an organisation that is not a school. For further details on the SWEPP, see the Department of Sustainability and Environment website under 'Water' (<http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/dse>).

* 'other organisation' includes sports clubs, universities, community clubs, and similar.

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

Applicant Details

Name Council/School: _____

Contact Name & Title: _____

Contact Number (Bus): _____

Mobile Number: _____

Email address: _____

Address _____

Postcode: _____ Melways Ref: _____

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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 a permanent 25% or greater reduction in water use.

- (i) As a demonstration of the compliance with your WCP, 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 Saving Rules (i.e. 1 March 2005 and 31 August 2006).
- (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 WCPs on exempt playing surfaces will be handled on a case by case basis.

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Appendix

Sports Ground Conservation Plan Data

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