

Exemption from telemetry requirements for works that do not receive network coverage

The Minister has made an exemption from telemetry requirements of the non-urban metering rules under clause 233 of the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018 for works that do not receive network coverage.

Purpose

The purpose of this exemption is to temporarily exempt a water user from the requirement, under NSW's non-urban metering rules, to have data logging and telemetry equipment installed on their work, if they:

- satisfy the Minister that the work is in a site that is not covered by the telecommunications network used for the NSW Government's telemetry system, and
- comply with all other metering requirements, including alternative recording and reporting requirements.

Definitions

Approved form and manner means the form and manner published on the department's [website](#).

Authority means a water supply work approval, an access licence or a licence or other entitlement under the *Water Act 1912*.

Data logging and telemetry requirements means the requirements under clauses 4 and 6 respectively of Schedule 8 of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018*.

Mandatory metering condition means a condition imposed on a water supply work under section 101A(1) of the *Water Management Act 2000* or clause 229 of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018*.

Work that requires telemetry means a work to which clause 6 of Schedule 8 of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018* applies.

Scope of exemption

A work to which the exemption applies is exempt from the mandatory metering condition.

Duration of exemption

This exemption commences on 23 December 2021 and lapses on 23 December 2022.

Works to which the exemption applies

The exemption applies to a work that requires telemetry, if:

- a holder of the authority for that work, or a person on their behalf, notifies the Minister in the [approved form](#) and [manner](#) that the site at which the relevant work is situated does not receive coverage from the Telstra Narrowband Internet of Things network; and
- the holder of the authority complies with the requirements applicable to a work that requires telemetry in Part 10 and Schedule 8 of the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018, as in force from time-to-time, except the data logging and telemetry requirements in clauses 4 and 6 of Schedule 8
- the holder of the authority complies with the reporting requirements in clause 244A(2) to (3C) of the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018, as in force from time-to-time, as if those requirements applied to a work that requires telemetry.

NOTE: Under Clause 244A(2) of the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018, the holder of an authority for a work with a meter but no telemetry must, every month, report their meter readings for the beginning and end of the previous month.

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