

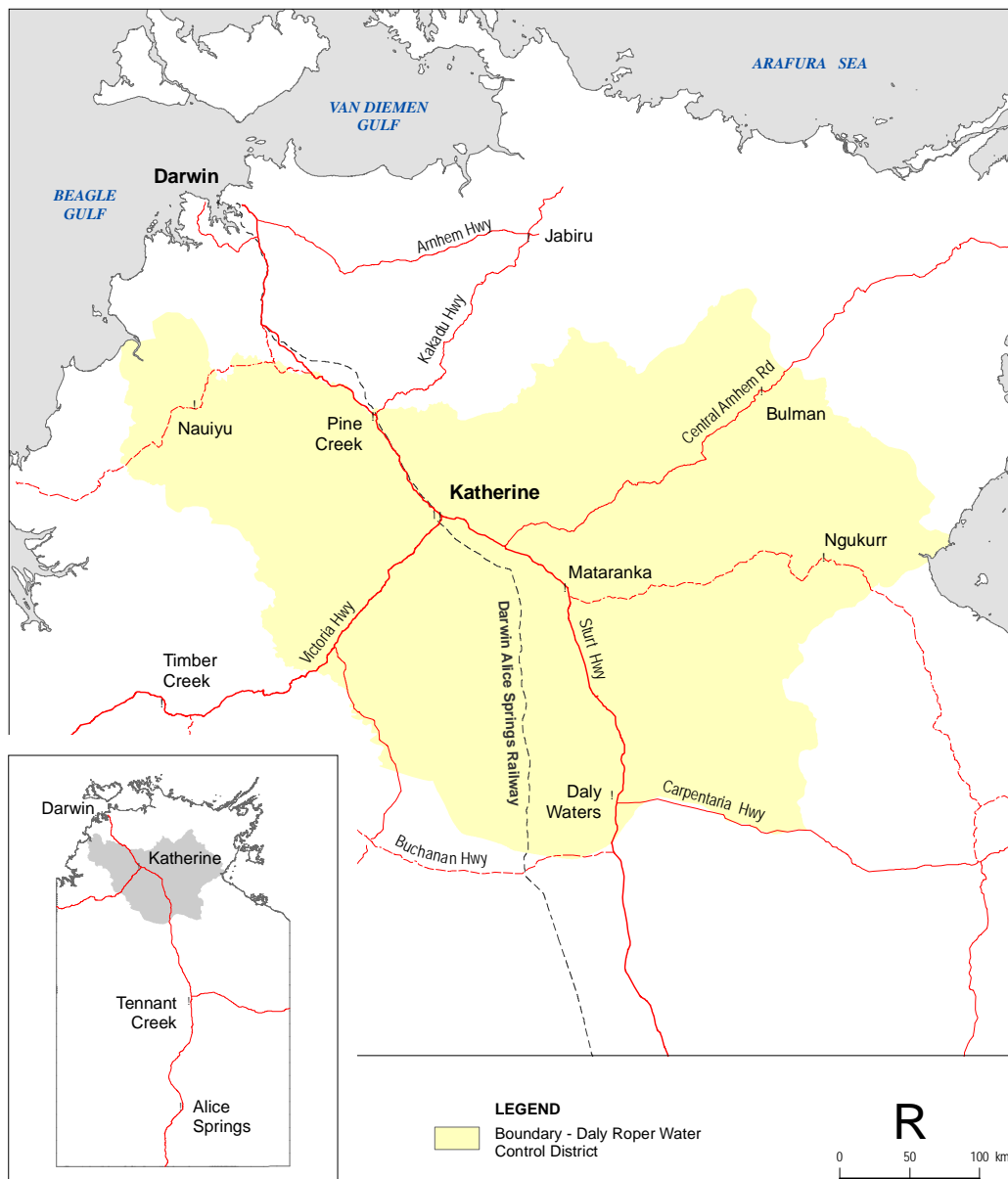
Daly Roper Water Control District

This fact sheet contains information about drilling bores and using surface and groundwater within the Daly Roper Water Control District

Area of the Daly Roper Water Control District (WCD)

The Daly Roper WCD is the combined Daly and Roper River catchment boundaries, and encompasses many major rivers systems including: the Katherine, Flora, Douglas, and tributaries of the Daly and Roper i.e. the Waterhouse, Mainoru, Wilton and Phelp. The Ooloo, Jinduckin and Tindall aquifers are also included as these aquifers discharge into these rivers. The WCD also includes the Katherine, Ooloo and Mataranka Water Allocation Plan (WAP) areas.

Map 1. The Daly Roper Water Control District



Surface and Groundwater Protection

WCD's are imposed in geographical areas where it is recognised that increasing development and demand for water have the potential to cause degradation to water quality and reduce flows required to maintain natural flows patterns.

Enhanced management, as prescribed within a WCD, such as bore construction permits and licensing of all use other than stock and domestic, reduce the likelihood of these risks occurring.

Rules for Water Extraction within a Water Control District

Rules for extracting water within a WCD ensure water is equitably managed to preserve quality of life and the integrity of the water dependent ecosystems in the region.

Bores

In the Northern Territory any bore drilled within a WCD requires a bore construction permit from this Department, pursuant to section 57 of the *Water Act*. A bore located outside a WCD does not require a construction permit from NRETAS, however, an NT licensed driller must be used to drill the bore.

Territory wide, a landholder who has legal access to either Ground or Surface water can extract for the following purposes without a Water Extraction Licence:

- Domestic purposes for his/her family and employees,
- Drinking water for grazing stock and
- Irrigation of a domestic garden not exceeding 0.5 ha.

Licenses

Within a WCD, a water extraction licence is required for any extraction, apart from those listed above. Currently there is an exception within the Darwin Rural WCD, where a licence to extract water is only required when a pump is equipped to extract either surface or groundwater at a rate in excess of 15 litres per second.

Application forms for a bore construction permit can be downloaded by following the permits and license link from the Water Resources Branch website at www.nt.gov.au/nretas/water/. The Water Resources branch requires two weeks to process bore construction permit applications. There is no fee associated with a bore construction permit.

For additional information on NRETAS requirements and detailed maps of current WCD's, access the NRETAS website on www.nt.gov.au/nretas/water or contact the Water Resources Branch at:

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