# WATER MANAGEMENT POLICY

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| **Purpose:** | In Western Australia's drying climate, water is an increasingly valuable and rare resource. Lovreta Estate needs to manage the consumption of scheme, storm and ground water resources responsibly and sustainably, and seek water conservation and re-use opportunities where practicable.. | | |
| **Audience:** | Staff, authorised contractors, tenants, visitors, public | | |
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## Objectives:

- To reduce both scheme and ground water consumption on each site and implement conservation, re-use and control initiatives.
- To protect and maintain groundwater quality and recharge local aquifers.
- To conserve groundwater-dependent ecosystems and wetlands at all site.
- To ensure Lovreta Estate meets statutory requirements, including compliance with water restrictions, the maintenance of groundwater quality, and consumption within abstraction license limits and conditions.
- To incorporate water sensitive urban design principles and practices into all forms of water management (including stormwater).
- To ensure that water conservation, re-use and efficiency is incorporated in design considerations for future refurbishments and developments at Lovreta Estate.
- To effectively promote, educate and manage the Lovreta Estate community and key stakeholders on water use, practices and policy.

## Roles and Responsibilities:

- All directors, staff, authorised contractors, tenants, visitor and public groups are responsible for using scheme and ground water in an efficient manner and in accordance with licensing and consumption restrictions.
- All users are responsible for ensuring that groundwater abstraction is minimised through use of appropriate conservation and efficiency measures
- All users are responsible for reporting faults or performance issues with water service or supply immediately to management through the website: https://lovreta.com.au/management-team/
- All users are responsible for reporting changes to their water requirements and use to to management through the website: https://lovreta.com.au/management-team/

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**Policy Statement:**

**1. Responsibilities of Management:**

1.1 The development and implementation of water saving activities relating to scheme water use, conservation and management.

1.2 Management of ground and storm water. Developing and implementing management plans to achieve compliance with licensing requirements (in the case of groundwater) and to demonstrate best-practice storm water management.

1.3 Maintenance of plant and water infrastructure to conserve water consumption and ensure performance, efficiency and quality of water supply.

1.4 Incorporating water efficiency measures, sub-metering and monitoring into new and refurbished facilities, as well as water re-use measures where practicable.

1.5 Monitoring, analysis and reporting programme for scheme and ground water consumption. Results from programme are to be reported to freshcare audit.

1.6 Maintaining scheme and irrigation infrastructure and associated services to each site.

1.7 Ensuring the promotion of water conservation strategies to All directors, staff, authorised contractors, tenants, visitor and public groups through sustainability programmes, staff inductions, localised advertising and other Lovreta Estate communication portals.

1.8 Planting of new, replacement and transplanted plants will occur in autumn and winter whenever possible, to reduce the need for irrigation and enable successful planting and long term growth.

1.9 Landscape design and management will incorporate the appropriate use of local Australian natives and coarse mulch to reduce water and fertiliser demand; and exclude the use of turf, where practicable, to minimise water, fertiliser and chemical demand.

1.9.1 Where turf is required, the turfed area will be kept to a minimum and the turf variety chosen will be fit for purpose. Renovation and new turf will not occur in summer whenever possible to reduce the need for irrigation and enable successful planting and long term growth.

**2. Avoiding Contamination of Ground Water and Scheme Water Supplies**

2.1 Lovreta Estate has high standards of ecological responsibility. No pollutants are allowed to enter the soil, the groundwater, the storm water system, or sewerage system. Any spills of toxic materials or substances that may contaminate the scheme or ground water supply should be immediately reported to management through the website: https://lovreta.com.au/management-team/.

2.2 Industrial and chemical waste streams must be disposed of as prescribed by the relevant authorities including Water Corporation.

2.3 Fertiliser (including manures, composts and mineral fertilisers), herbicide and pesticide use must be minimised, or avoided where possible, to avoid pollution of wetland ecosystems and groundwater. Decisions to use fertilisers and pesticides should be based in science, i.e. following soil testing for appropriate nutrients, to avoid excess nutrient or chemical leaching into the soil.

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