

# Water Compliance Activities Conducted in 2015-16

Tables 1 below summarises the types of compliance actions undertaken in South Australia in 2015-16. These actions relate to offences which occurred in the 2015-16 water use year, as well as the number of site visits during that reporting period.

Table 2 details specific, targeted water compliance operations that occurred in 2015-16, listing the number of sites visited in each operation and the number of compliant and non-compliant sites (note: this data forms part of Table 1).

Table 1. Summary of Compliance Actions Undertaken in 2015-16.

Section of <i>Natural Resources Management Act 2004</i>	Description	Number of site visits <sup>1</sup>	Advisory letters issued	Notice Issued	Administrative sanctions	Criminal investigation in process	Criminal charges and proceedings brought	Civil enforcement actions	Licence suspensions	Compliance breaches reports
s127(1)	<i>Unauthorised taking of water from a prescribed surface water area, watercourse, lake or well</i>	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	0
s127(6)(b)	<i>Contravening a condition of a water management authorisation or permit</i>	1045	5799	367	32	0	0	0	0	0
s115(1)(a)	<i>Penalty for taking water in excess of allocation<sup>2</sup></i>	30	84	40	104	0	0	0	0	0
Natural Resources Management (Financial Provisions) Regulations	<i>Failure to comply with 'Part 3: Meters' of Regulations</i>	430	595	232	1	0	0	0	0	0



Table 2. Targeted Water Compliance Operations Conducted in 2015-16.

Prescribed Area	Activity	Number of Site Visits <sup>1</sup>	Compliant Sites	Non-Compliant Sites
Western Mount Lofty Ranges PWRA	<p><i>Meter Installation Compliance Operation</i></p> <p>A compliance operation with a focus on non-compliance with new meter installations in these newly licensed areas.</p>	571	30	541
	<p><i>Quarterly Self Meter Read Audit</i></p> <p>A compliance operation to audit a sample of quarterly self-meter readings submitted by water licence holders in the Western Mount Lofty Ranges PWRC and River Murray PWC and (data presented here for the Western Mount Lofty Ranges PWRA only). In the Western Mount Lofty Ranges PWRC, the operation focused on high stressed groundwater zones.</p>	15	13	2
Northern Adelaide Plains PWA	<p><i>Meter Compliance Operation</i></p> <p>A compliance operation with a focus on licensees with a history of previous non-compliance with meter installations (e.g. interfering with a meter). There was also a focus on licensees who had previous consecutive years of overuse followed by a significant reduction in water usage.</p>	65	15	50
Far North PWA	<p><i>Great Artesian Basin Monitoring Program</i></p> <p>Compliance of wells were assessed during the monitoring of ground water pressure and levels in the Great Artesian Basin.</p>	74	67	7
River Murray PWC	<p><i>Quarterly Self Meter Read Audit</i></p> <p>A compliance operation to audit a sample of quarterly self-meter readings submitted by water licence holders in the River Murray PWC and Western Mount Lofty Ranges PWRC (data presented here for River Murray PWC only).</p>	209	209	0
Padthaway PWA	<p><i>Meter Inspection Compliance Operation</i></p> <p>All meters were inspected in this prescribed area to ensure they were operational and compliant with the South Australian Licensed Water Use Meter Specifications.</p>	270	185	85
Tintinara Coonalpyn PWA	<p><i>Targeted Compliance Activity</i></p> <p>One property was inspected in response to a range of suspected compliance breaches.</p>	21	4	17

# Acronyms

PWRA	<i>Prescribed Water Resources Area</i>
PWC	<i>Prescribed Water Course</i>
PWA	<i>Prescribed Wells Area</i>

<sup>1</sup> A compliance site visit is one visit to a water source for the purpose of a monitoring event (a monitoring event is monitoring conducted in addition to scheduled meter readings by authorised officers).

<sup>2</sup> Compliance activities undertaken in the 2015-16 water use year, which relate to penalties incurred during the previous water use year (2014-15).

