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1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Water Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2026*.

2 Regulation amended

This regulation amends the *Water Regulation 2016*.

3 Insertion of new s 107A

After section 107—

insert—

107A Application of measurement requirements requiring measurement device from stated day

(1) This section applies in relation to a relevant authorisation if schedule 11 states that a particular measurement device must be attached to works through which water is taken under the authorisation from a stated day (the ***compliance start day***).

(2) The measurement requirements under this part apply to the holder of the relevant authorisation in relation to the measurement device from the earlier of the following—

(a) the day after the relevant commencement on which the holder first complies with section 108(2) for the device;

(b) the compliance start day for the device.

(3) In this section—

relevant commencement, in relation to a compliance start day for a measurement device, means the commencement of the amendment of this regulation that first states the compliance start day for the device.

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4 Amendment of s 108 (Attaching and maintaining measurement device)

Section 108(1), note, 'section 153'—

omit, insert—

section 107A

5 Amendment of sch 11 (Measurement requirements—relevant authorisations and measurement devices)

(1) Each of the following provisions is amended by omitting '30 November 2025' and inserting '30 November 2026'—

- schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Border Rivers and Moonie) 2019*, entry for Moonie water management area, column 3
- schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Border Rivers and Moonie) 2019*, entry for Stanthorpe water management area, column 3
- schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Condamine and Balonne) 2019*, entry for Condamine and Balonne Tributaries water management area, water management area zones CBT-01, CBT-02 and CBT-03, column 3
- schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Condamine and Balonne) 2019*, entry for Condamine and Balonne Tributaries water management area, water management area zones CBT-04, CBT-05, CBT-06, CBT-07, CBT-08 and CBT-09, column 3
- schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Condamine and Balonne) 2019*, entry for Condamine and Balonne water management area, water management area zones CBU-01, CBU-02, CBU-03, CBU-04, CBU-05, CBU-06, CBU-07, CBU-08 and CBU-09, column 3
- schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Condamine and Balonne) 2019*, entry for Condamine and Balonne water management area, water management area zones CBU-10, CBU-11, CBU-12, CBU-13, CBU-14,

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CBU-15, CBU-16, CBU-17, CBU-18, CBU-21 and CBU-22, column 3

- schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Condamine and Balonne) 2019*, first entry for Lower Balonne water management area, column 3
- schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Condamine and Balonne) 2019*, entry for Upper Condamine water management area, water management area zones UCU-01, UCU-02, UCU-03, UCU-04, UCU-05, UCU-06, UCU-07, UCU-08, UCU-09, UCU-10 and UCU-11, column 3
- schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Condamine and Balonne) 2019*, entry for Upper Condamine water management area, water management area zones UCU-12, UCU-13, UCU-14, UCU-15 and UCU-16, column 3

(2) Schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Border Rivers and Moonie) 2019*—

insert—

the plan area	the following water licences— (a) water licence 577146; (b) water licence 610243	from 30 November 2026—a meter

(3) Schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Burnett Basin) 2014*, entries for Lower Burnett and Kolan Rivers water management area and Upper Burnett and Nogo Rivers water management area, column 2—

omit, insert—

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all water entitlements, other than the following—

(a) water entitlements to take water for stock or domestic purposes only;

(b) water entitlements to take water for public amenity or education premises purposes only;

(c) water entitlements for which the annual volumetric limit is not more than 5ML

(4) Schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Burnett Basin) 2014*, entry for subcatchment area R, column 2—

omit, insert—

water licence 53394M and water licence 60631M

(5) Schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Condamine and Balonne) 2019*—

insert—

underground water management area, St George Alluvium (shallow), the St George Alluvium (deep), the sediments above the Great Artesian Basin and the Condamine Fractured Rock underground water units	all water entitlements to take underground water, other than the following— (a) water entitlements to take water for stock or domestic purposes only; (b) water entitlements to take water for public amenity or education premises purposes only; (c) water entitlements for which the annual volumetric limit is not more than 5ML	from 30 November 2026—a meter

(6) Schedule 11—

insert—

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Water Plan (Cooper Creek) 2011

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Area under water plan	**Relevant authorisation**	**Measurement device**
Upper Thomson subcatchment	all water licences to take surface water from the Longreach Town Weirs augmented waterhole, other than the following— (a) water licences to take water for stock or domestic purposes only; (b) water licences to take water for public amenity or education premises purposes only; (c) water licences for which the annual volumetric limit is not more than 5ML	from 1 July 2031—a meter

(7) Schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Fitzroy Basin) 2011*—

insert—

Isaac Connors groundwater management area	all water licences to take underground water, other than the following— (a) water licences to take water for stock or domestic purposes only; (b) water licences to take water for public amenity or education premises purposes only; (c) water licences for which the annual volumetric limit is not more than 5ML	a meter

(8) Schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Fitzroy Basin) 2011*, entry for Isaac Connors subcatchment area, column 2—

omit, insert—

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all water licences, other than the following—

(a) water licences to take water for stock or domestic purposes only;

(b) water licences to take water for public amenity or education premises purposes only;

(c) water licences for which the annual volumetric limit is not more than 5ML

(9) Schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Gulf) 2007*, entry for Gilbert River catchment area, column 2—

omit, insert—

all water entitlements, other than water licence number 627943

(10) Schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Mary Basin) 2024*, entries for Six Mile Creek subcatchment, Tinana Creek subcatchment, Wide Bay Creek subcatchment and Widgee Creek subcatchment, column 2—

omit, insert—

all water licences, other than the following—

(a) water licences to take water for stock or domestic purposes only;

(b) water licences to take water for public amenity or education premises purposes only;

(c) water licences for which the annual volumetric limit is not more than 5ML

(11) Schedule 11, entry for *Water Plan (Warrego, Paroo, Bulloo and Nebine) 2016*—

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insert—

groundwater management area	all water entitlements, other than the following— (a) water entitlements to take water for stock or domestic purposes only; (b) water entitlements to take water for public amenity or education premises purposes only; (c) water entitlements for which the annual volumetric limit is not more than 5ML	from 30 November 2026—a meter

6 Amendment of sch 11A (Measurement requirements—information about water taken)

Schedule 11A, tables 1 and 2—

omit, insert—

	Table 1—Requirements		
	Column 1	**Column 2**	**Column 3**
	Information to be given	**When information to be given**	**Way information to be given**
1	details of the following for the works through which the water is taken— (a) the works; (b) each measurement device attached to the works; (c) each other relevant authorisation held by the holder under which water is taken using the works; (d) each other person who takes water using the works; (e) if a measurement device attached to the works is replaced—the reading from the device immediately before the device is replaced	within 20 business days after each time the measurement device attached to the works is inspected under section 121B	in the approved form

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	Table 1—Requirements		
	Column 1	**Column 2**	**Column 3**
	Information to be given	**When information to be given**	**Way information to be given**
2	details of each change to any of the following for the works through which the water is taken— (a) the works; (b) the relevant authorisations held by the holder under which water is taken using the works; (c) the persons who take water using the works	within 10 business days after the change	in the approved form
3	the reading from a meter, attached to the works through which the water is taken, of water taken in each water period stated in table 2 for the authorisation	within 10 business days after the water period ends	in the way stated in the measurement standards
4	the record made by a telemetry device, attached to the works through which the water is taken, of water taken in each day	at the end of the day	in the way stated in the measurement standards

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	Table 2—Water periods for relevant authorisations	
	Column 1	**Column 2**
	Relevant authorisation	**Water period**
1	relevant authorisation for taking water in any of the following areas— (a) the Border Rivers Alluvium (deep) underground water sub-unit under the *Water Plan (Border Rivers and Moonie) 2019*; (b) the Central Condamine Alluvium underground water sub-area under the *Water Plan (Condamine and Balonne) 2019*; (c) the Coastal Burnett groundwater management area under the *Water Plan (Burnett Basin) 2014*; (d) the Don and Dee groundwater sub-area under the *Water Plan (Fitzroy Basin) 2011*	both of the following periods— (a) the period from 1 July of a year to 1 March of the following year; (b) the period from 1 July of a year to 30 June of the following year
2	relevant authorisation for taking water in the Dawson Valley water management area under the *Water Plan (Fitzroy Basin) 2011*	the period from 1 October of a year to 30 September of the following year
3	relevant authorisation for taking water in the Lockyer Valley groundwater management area under the *Water Plan (Moreton) 2007*	the period from 1 July of a year to 30 June of the following year
4	relevant authorisation for taking water in the Bowen underground water area on plan CAS3065	both of the following periods— (a) the period from 1 April of a year to 31 March of the following year; (b) the period from 1 April to 1 November of a year, if the chief executive requests that the holder of the relevant authorisation give information about water taken under the authorisation during that period
5	relevant authorisation not otherwise mentioned in this table	the period from 1 July of a year to 30 June of the following year

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ENDNOTES

1 Made by the Governor in Council on 26 November 2026.

2 Notified on the Queensland legislation website on 27 November 2026.

3 The administering agency is the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers.

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