



Guidance note 1

Overview of the *Better urban water management* guidance note series

This note is one in a series that aims to assist people and organisations involved in implementing *Better urban water management* (BUWM), which was developed by the Western Australian Planning Commission in 2008.

What is *Better urban water management*?

Better urban water management was produced to provide guidance on implementing *State planning policy 2.9: Water resources* (Government of Western Australia 2006). This state planning policy is currently being reviewed and the latest version should be used when it is available.

Better urban water management was designed to guide water management at the regional, district, local and subdivision stages of the planning process by ensuring consideration is given to the total water cycle at each stage of planning and development.

The approach was collaboratively developed by the:

- Department for Planning and Infrastructure (now Department of Planning)
- Department of Water
- Western Australian Local Government Association
- Australian Government Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (now Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities).

Why was this guidance note series developed?

Proponents and local governments requested further guidance on how to apply *Better urban water management*, particularly on the requirements for the type, quality and amount of information necessary to support each planning stage.

This series of notes assumes the reader has read and is familiar with *Better urban water management*. It will:

- provide advice about the roles, responsibilities and requirements of proponents, state government agencies and local governments when following the *Better urban water management* process
- assist planners, land developers and planning and environmental consultants to provide the required district and local water management strategies and urban water management plans

- assist state government agencies and local governments to assess the required district and local water management strategies and urban water management plans
- explain how water resource management is to be considered at all levels of land planning.

The guidance notes currently in the series are shown below.

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| 1 | Overview of the <i>Better urban water management</i> guidance note series | January 2013 |
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| 3 | Preparation and assessment of water management reports | January 2013 |
| 4 | Resources and support provided by the Department of Water | January 2013 |
| 5 | The role of local government | January 2013 |
| 6 | Identifying and establishing waterways foreshore areas | January 2013 |
| 7 | Managing the hydrology and hydrogeology of water dependent ecosystems in urban development | January 2013 |

Guidance notes will be updated and additional notes will be produced as the need arises. We recommend that you check this overview note before using any of the others in the series to see whether there have been any updates or if new notes have been added.

References

Government of Western Australia 2006, *State planning policy 2.9: Water resources*, Western Australian Planning Commission, Perth.

Western Australian Planning Commission 2008, *Better urban water management*, Western Australian Planning Commission, Perth.

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