

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Minister for Essential Services:

Power and Water Corporation – Water Bores

1. How many water bores in the rural area are currently used by Power and Water Corporation (PWC)? The rural area can be defined, **but not limited to**, the following areas: Howard Springs, Girraween, McMinns Lagoon, Herbert, Howard River, Gunn Point, Berry Springs, Acacia Hills.
2. Please provide a map identifying where each water bore is located and the size of each water bore.
3. Please provide a plan of all water pipes connecting each water bore in the rural area.
4. Can you provide information or a plan as to which water bores are connected to each other via water pipes?
5. What is the total amount of water taken by each water bore over the last 6 months?
6. What is the total amount of water taken from each water bore each year over the last five years?
7. What is the total allowable amount of water taken by each water bore each year over the last five years?
8. What is the purpose of the water taken from the water bores?
9. Does PWC reduce the amount of water taken from each water bore as the aquifer water levels drop during the dry season?
10. Does PWC do any monitoring of the water levels in the rural aquifers, and if so, what is the result of the monitoring each year over the last 5 years?
11. Does PWC have a plan to reduce the amount of water taken from rural aquifers via the water bores?
12. Is there any reason why the amount of water taken from each water bore cannot be reduced during the dry season, especially towards the end of the dry season?
13. Once Manton Dam comes on line, is there any plan to reduce the amount of water taken from each water bore?