

## Water Conservation Plan Application

Sportsgrounds watering must be carried out in accordance with restrictions set out in the Drought Response Plan (available from your water company's website).

These restrictions allow watering in line with set times and methods or via the lodgement of a Water Conservation Plan, which may be approved using this application form.

Guidelines are provided overleaf to assist you in any submission of a Water Conservation Plan – No undertaking is given that any Plans lodged that vary the guidelines as set out will be approved. Variations will be treated on a case by case basis and supporting information must be attached to this Application. Sporting clubs varying the guidelines suggested for tennis, lawn bowls and cricket will be required to water in accordance

with the standard prohibitions listed in the Drought Response Plan until approval is given.

Water Conservation Plans lodged in accordance with the guidelines overleaf for Exempt playing surfaces will be confirmed in writing.

In all cases where approval is granted, a sign must be produced and displayed prominently, with wording for the sign as follows:

**'Working within water restrictions under an approved Water Conservation Plan to save water'**

Clubs and organisations are strongly encouraged to pursue any initiatives that will reduce water consumption at their facilities, for example retrofitting dual flush toilet suites, water efficient (3 Star) shower heads, and any rainwater tank or alternate source of water catchment and use.

### SPORTSGROUND DETAILS

Lot number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Facility name (e.g. park): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Melways reference: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Bill Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

### OWNER OF FACILITY (e.g. Council, Club, etc.)

### CLUB DETAILS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant/Club representative: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTACT NUMBERS

Business hours: \_\_\_\_\_ After hours: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### TYPE OF EXEMPT PLAYING SURFACE (please tick)

Turf wicket for cricket  
 Turf practice wicket (only allowable where no synthetic practice pitch available)  
 Tennis Court (en-tout-cas) Number of courts at facility   
 Number of courts to be used under this plan  (see requirement overleaf)  
 Tennis court – other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bowling or Croquet Green  
 (Also Bocce or Trugo – please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Baseball/Softball Diamond (en-tout-cas)  
 Baseball/Softball Diamond (other) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lawn or other type of running track  
 Hockey Pitch  
 Golf Tees and greens  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### Declaration:

I confirm that the information contained in this Water Conservation Plan Application for an exempt playing surface is;

- a) true and correct and,
- b) that I have read the guidelines overleaf and certify that the club will abide by the respective watering methods / times as described for this playing surface or
- c) that I am lodging a variation application to the guidelines and I undertake that watering will be done in accordance with that variation (if approved) **or**
- d) For other sports surfaces I am lodging a Water Conservation Plan to vary the standard times / methods outlined in the Drought Response Plan and I undertake that watering will be done in accordance with that variation (if approved) and
- e) that appropriate staff within this sports facility are aware of their obligations and,
- f) that the Club understands that penalties apply for non compliance – including, but not limited to, restriction of water supply to the club facility, fines and prosecution of relevant office bearers of the club.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position \_\_\_\_\_

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# Stage 3 Water Restrictions

## Exempt Playing Surfaces

This document outlines options for exempt playing surfaces for Stage 3 water restrictions

### Option 1

Comply with the hours and methods as outlined in the Drought Response Plan.

### Option 2

If sporting clubs are unable to comply with the methods and hours as outlined in the Drought Response Plan, please see the guidelines below for Water Conservation Plans that can be lodged for sports playing surfaces.

In addition to the to the guidelines below, we encourage each sporting club to undertake additional water saving initiatives including the installation of water efficient shower heads, dual flush toilets and rainwater tanks. For more information on water saving products contact your water retailer.

The following guidelines for exempt playing surfaces for Stage 3 water restrictions are as follows:

Sports Grounds	Guidelines for Water Conservation Plans
<p><b>Tennis Courts (En-Tout-Cas)</b> <i>In consultation with Tennis Victoria</i></p> <p>Note: These rules only apply to en-tout-cas courts. Hard courts are not to be included in the calculation for how many courts can be watered.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One in two courts or part there of can be watered. For example, if there are a total of seven courts, four can be watered</li> <li>Hand-held hose watering is allowed before each set/session</li> <li>Watering is not allowed at the completion of play. The court is to be bagged</li> </ul> <p>For all courts (to protect from long term damage):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On days when the courts are not in use or on extreme hot and/or windy days, courts can be watered using a hand-held hose for no more than half an hour. This can occur between the hours of midday-1pm and/or 7pm-8pm</li> <li>We recommended that Tennis Victoria investigate covering courts not in use with a porous cover (such as Hessian). This will help reduce loss of en-tout-cas in windy conditions and minimise moisture loss</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bowling Or Croquet Green</b> <i>In consultation with Royal Victorian Bowls Association</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automatic or manual watering systems (including sprinkler, spray and dripper) can be used to water on Sunday and Wednesday from 6am-8am</li> <li>Hand-held hose watering may be conducted only as required on Monday and Friday from 6am-8am</li> </ul>
<p><b>Turf Wicket For Cricket</b> <b>Turf practice Wicket</b> (where no synthetic practice pitch available) <i>In consultation with Cricket Victoria</i></p>	<p>Hand-held hose watering may be conducted on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday from 6am-8am</li> <li>Tuesday and Thursday from 6pm-8pm</li> <li>Friday from 6pm-7pm</li> </ul>
Other Exempt Playing Surfaces	
<p><b>Golf Tee or Green</b> (not approaches) <b>Hockey Pitch</b> <b>Other</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessed on an individual basis</li> <li>Application required from facility owner/manager</li> <li>Referral to be directed to water retailers exemptions working group as necessary</li> <li>Irrigation may be conducted using a dripper system</li> <li>Sprays and sprinklers will be considered once a water conservation plan application is submitted</li> </ul>

Enquiries for tennis, bowls, croquet greens may be directed to the relevant sports association.

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