

# CHAPTER W1 - WATER SOURCES (CONTROL) LAW

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## WATER SOURCES (CONTROL) LAW

A Law to provide for the control of sources of water.

### 1. Short title

This Law may be cited as the Water Sources (Control) Law.

### 2. Interpretation

In this Law—

"**Commissioner**" means the State Commissioner to whom is assigned for the time being responsibility for land;

"**State**" shall have the same meaning as in the Constitution.

### 3. Declaration of source of water

The Governor may by order, and after such inquiry, if any, as he may think fit, declare any river, lake, stream or waterway, other than a river, lake, stream or waterway which has been declared by the National Assembly to be a source affecting more than one State, to be a prescribed source of water for the purposes of this Law.

### 4. Interference with declared sources of water prohibited

No person shall dam up or otherwise interfere with any source of water prescribed in accordance with section 3 without first serving on the Commissioner a notice stating the

works he proposes to undertake in the prescribed form.

**5. Commissioner may prohibit interference**

Within the time stated in the notice referred to in section 4 the Commissioner may, if he is of the opinion that such dam, works or interference will materially affect the flow of water in any river—

- (a) require the person serving the notice to desist from such undertaking; or
- (b) consent to such undertaking either conditionally or otherwise.

**1. Regulations**

The Governor may make regulations providing for the period of notice to be given under section 4, the form of such notice and otherwise for the better carrying out of this Law.

**7. Rights to water under the Minerals Act not affected**

Nothing in this Law shall affect any rights relating to water acquired under the Minerals Act.

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SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

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No subsidiary legislation

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