

Offences and Penalties: Issue date 1 July 2009

With continuing below average rainfall, water restrictions are in force to preserve our most precious resource — water. Non-compliance with the current level of water restrictions may attract penalties. For information on the current level of water restrictions please visit www.westernwater.com.au or call our water restrictions hotline on **1300 653 126**.

If you do not comply with either:

- Any prevailing Stage of restrictions; or
- The Permanent Water Saving rules,

Western Water may either give you an official warning, an on-the-spot fine called a Penalty Infringement Notice (or PIN), or seek to prosecute you for an offence. Western Water may also restrict your water supply in accordance with the provisions of the Water Act 1989.

The maximum penalties for individuals as at the issue date above are summarised in the following table. The maximum penalties for breach of Stage 3 (known as Stage 3a) restrictions are outlined below and are highlighted.

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3 (known as Stage 3a)	Stage 4
PIN	\$234.00	\$350	\$467.00	\$584.00
First Offence	\$1752.00	\$2336.00	\$3505.00	\$4673.00 or 3 months' jail
Subsequent Offence	\$3505.00	\$4673.00	\$7009.00 or 3 months' jail	\$9346.00 or 6 months' jail
Continuing Offence	\$584.00 per day up to a total of \$2336.00	\$584.00 per day up to a total of \$2336.00	\$584.00 per day up to a total of \$2336.00	\$584.00 per day up to a total of \$2336.00

The penalty for a continuing offence is in addition to the penalty for the initial offence.

The maximum penalty for a company is five times the penalty for an individual, for each penalty other than a PIN outlined above.

The maximum penalties for failing to comply with the Permanent Water Saving Rules, which apply at all times, are:

PIN	\$117.00
First Offence	\$1168.00
Subsequent Offence	\$2336.00
Continuing Offence	\$234.00 per day up to a total of \$2336.00

Instead of, or as well as, prosecuting you for not complying with a prevailing stage of restrictions, Western Water may also prosecute you for taking or using water without Western Water's consent under section 289 of the Water Act 1989. The maximum penalties for an offence under that section are as follows:

First Offence	\$7009.00 or 6 months' jail
Subsequent Offence	\$14,018.00 or 12 months' jail
Continuing Offence	\$584.00 per day up to a total of \$2336.00