

# Domestic & Stock Use

## - Extract from Water Act 1989, Section 3

**This information, taken directly from the Water Act 1989 Section 3, provides the legal definition of water for domestic and stock use.**

**“domestic and stock use”**, in relation to water, means use for:

- household purpose; or
- watering of animals kept as pets; or
- watering of cattle or other stock; or
- in the case of the curtilage of a house and any outbuilding, watering an area not exceeding 1.2 hectares for fire prevention purposes with water obtained from a spring or soak or water from a dam; or
- irrigation of a kitchen garden\*-

but does not include use for dairies, piggeries, feed lots, poultry or any other intensive or commercial use.

\* **“kitchen garden”** means a garden -

- that is used solely in connection with a dwelling; and
- no produce from which is sold; and
- in the case of a garden irrigated solely with surface water that is not part of an allotment that was alienated from the Crown before 15 December 1886, that is not bigger than 0.1 hectares; and
- in the case of a garden irrigated with both surface water and groundwater that is not part of an allotment that was alienated from the Crown before 15 December 1886, that is not bigger than 0.4 hectares; and
- in the case of a garden irrigated solely with groundwater, that is not bigger than 0.4 hectares; and
- in the case of a garden that is part of an allotment that was alienated from the Crown before 15 December 1886, that is not bigger than 1.2 hectares.



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