

Water or Water Resources Ministers of Western Australia

A Minister for Water Supply was first established in the Scaddan Labor Government, 1913. William George and Ernie Bridge were both Ministers for Water in three different Governments.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
Scaddan (ALP) 1911-1916	Hon William Dartnell Johnson, MLA	Minister for Works and Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage	16 Jan 1913	23 Nov 1914
	Hon Philip Collier, MLA	Minister for Mines and Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage	23 Nov 1914	27 July 1916
Wilson (Lib) 1916-1917	Hon James Mitchell, MLA, CMG	Minister for Railways, Water Supply and Industry	27 July 1916	28 June 1917
Lefroy (Lib) 1917-1919	Hon William James George, MLA	Minister for Works, Trading Concerns and Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage	28 June 1917	17 Apr 1919
Colebatch (Lib) 1919	Hon William James George, MLA	Minister for Works, Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage and Trading Concerns	17 Apr 1919	17 May 1919
Mitchell (Nat) 1919-1924	Hon William James George, MLA	Minister for (Public) Works, Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage and Trading Concerns	17 May 1919	15 Apr 1924
Collier (ALP) 1924-1930	Hon Alexander McCallum, MLA	Minister for Labour, Public Works, Metropolitan Water Supply (water Supply until 15 Dec 1927) and State Trading Concerns	16 Apr 1924	23 Apr 1930
	Hon James Cunningham, MLA	Minister of Goldfields and Agriculture Water Supplies	15 Dec 1927	23 Apr 1930
Mitchell (Nat) 1930-1933	Hon John Lindsay, MLA	Minister for Public Works, Metropolitan Water Supply and Labour	24 Apr 1930	24 Apr 1933
	Hon Charles Farquharson Baxter, MLC	Minister for Country Water Supplies and Trading Concerns	24 Apr 1930	24 Apr 1933
Collier (ALP) 1933 - 1936	Hon Harold Millington, MLA	Minister for Water Supplies , Education and Police	26 Mar 1935	15 July 1936

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	Hon Harold Millington, MLA	Minister for Public Works and Water Supplies	15 July 1936	19 Aug 1936
Willcock (ALP) 1936 - 1945	Hon Harold Millington, MLA	Minister for Works, and Water Supplies	20 Aug 1936	9 Dec 1943
	Hon Albert Redvers George Hawke, MLA	Minister for Works, and Water Supplies and Industrial Development	9 Dec 1943	31 July 1945
Wise (ALP) 1945 - 1947	Hon Albert Redvers George Hawke, MLA	Minister for Works, and Water Supplies and Industrial Development	31 July 1945	1 Apr 1947
McLarty (Lib) 1947 - 1953	Hon Victor Doney, MLA	Minister for Works, and Water Supply	1 Apr 1947	6 Apr 1950
	Hon David Brand, MLA	Minister for Works, and Water Supply	6 Apr 1950	23 Feb 1953
Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	Hon John Trezise Tonkin, MLA	Minister for Education, Works and Water Supplies	23 Feb 1953	2 Apr 1959
Brand (Lib) 1959- 1971	Hon Gerald Percy Wild, MLA	Minister for Works and Water Supplies	2 Apr 1959	11 Apr 1962
		Minister for Works, Water Supplies and Labour	12 Apr 1962	16 Mar 1965
	Hon Ross Hutchinson, MLA	Minister for Works, Water Supplies , Health Fisheries and Fauna	16 Mar 1965	17 Aug 1965
		Minister for Works and Water Supplies	17 Aug 1965	3 Mar 1971
Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974	Hon Colin John Jamieson, MLA	Minister for Works, Water Supplies and Electricity	3 Mar 1971	12 Oct 1971
		Minister for Works and Water Supplies	12 Oct 1971	6 July 1972
		Minister for Works, Water Supplies and Traffic Safety	6 July 1972	8 Apr 1974
Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	Hon Desmond Henry O’Neil, MLA	Minister for Works, Water Supplies and Housing	8 Apr 1974	5 June 1975
		Deputy Premier and Minister for Works, Water Supplies , Housing and the North West	5 June 1975	10 Mar 1977
	Hon Raymond James O’Connor, MLA	Minister for Works, Water Supplies , Housing	10 Mar 1977	7 Aug 1978
		Minister for Works, Water Supplies , Housing, and Labour and Industrial, Consumer Affairs and Immigration	7 Aug 1978	25 Aug 1978

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	Graham Charles MacKinnon MLC	Minister for Works, Water Supplies , Tourism, and Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council	25 Aug 1978	5 May 1980
	Hon Andrew Mensaros, MLA	Minister for Works, Water Resources	5 Mar 1980	25 Jan 1982
O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983	Hon Andrew Mensaros, MLA	Minister for Works, Water Resources and Education, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Coordinating Economic and Regional Development	25 Jan 1982	14 May 1982
		Minister for Works, Water Resources and Assisting the Minister for Coordinating Economic and Regional Development	14 May 1982	25 Feb 1983
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Hon Arthur Raymond Tonkin, MLA	Minister for Water Resources , Consumer Affairs and Parliamentary and Electoral Reform and Leader of the House	25 Feb 1983	23 Dec 1983
		Minister for Water Resources and Parliamentary and Electoral Reform and Leader of the House	23 Dec 1983	26 Feb 1986
		Minister for Police and Emergency Services and Water Resources	26 Feb 1986	12 May 1986
	Hon Ernest Francis Bridge, MLA	Minister for Water Resources and Aboriginal Affairs	25 July 1986	25 Feb 1988
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Hon Ernest Francis Bridge, MLA	Minister for Water Resources , the North West, Aboriginal Affairs, and Small Business	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
		Minister for Water Resources and the North West	28 Feb 1989	12 Feb 1990
Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	Hon Ernest Francis Bridge, MLA	Minister for Agriculture, Water Resources and the North West	19 Feb 1990	16 Feb 1993
Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Hon Paul Omodei, MLA	Minister for Water Resources and Local Government	16 Feb 1993	10 Feb 1995
	Hon Peter Gilbert da Conceicao Foss, MLC	Minister for the Environment, Water Resources , The Arts and Fair Trading	10 Feb 1995	21 Dec 1995
	Hon Roger Nicholls, MLA	Minister for Water Resources	21 Dec 1995	9 Jan 1997
	Hon Kim Desmond Hames, MLA	Minister for Housing, Aboriginal Affairs and Water Resources	9 Jan 1997	16 Feb 2001

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Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Hon Dr Judith Mary Edwards, MLA	Minister for the Environment and Heritage and Water Resources	16 Feb 2001	1 July 2001
		*No one Minister responsible for Water Resources	1 July 2001	10 Mar 2005
	Hon Dr Geoff Gallop, MLA	Premier; Public Sector Management; Water Resources ; Federal Affairs	10 Mar 2005	25 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 -2008	Hon Alan Carpenter, MLA	Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Water Resources ; Federal Affairs; State Development; Energy	25 Jan 2006	3 Feb 2006
	Hon John Charles Kobelke, MLA	Minister for Water Resources ; Sport and Recreation	3 Feb 2006	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2017	Hon Dr Graham Jacobs, MLA	Minister for Water ; Mental Health	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		Minister for Water ; Mental Health	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
	Hon William Richard (Bill) Marmion, MLA	Minister for Environment; Water	14 Dec 2010	21 Mar 2013
	Hon Donald Terrence Redman, MLA	Minister for Training and Workforce Development; Water ; Forestry	21 Mar 2013	11 Dec 2013
	Hon Mia Jane Davies, MLA	Minister for Water ; Forestry	11 Dec 2013	8 Dec 2014
	Hon Mia Jane Davies, MLA (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia (WA))	Minister for Water ; Sport and Recreation; Forestry	8 Dec 2014	17 Mar 2017
McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2023	Hon David Joseph Kelly, MLA	Minister for Water ; Fisheries; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science	17 Mar 2017	13 Mar 2021
	Hon David Joseph Kelly, MLA	Minister for Water ; Forestry; Youth	19 Mar 2021	14 Dec 2022
	Hon Simone Frances McGurk, MLA	Minister for Training; Water ; Youth	14 Dec 2022	8 June 2023
Cook (ALP) 2023	Hon Simone Frances McGurk, MLA	Minister for Training; Water ; Youth	8 June 2023	

Abbreviations

ALP	Australian Labor Party
Govt	Government
LA	Legislative Assembly
LC	Legislative Council
Lib	Liberal
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly
MLC	Member of the Legislative Council
Nat	Nationalist
Opp	Opposition

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