

Legal update

Water Sustainability Act – Groundwater use licensing transition period extended to 2022

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On February 25, 2019, we issued an [update](#) concerning the March 1, 2019, end of the transition period for persons using groundwater without a licence under the *Water Sustainability Act*. Ten days before the end of the transition period, the BC government issued an order-in-council extending the end of the transition period from March 1, 2019, to March 1, 2022.

The extension of the transition period gives most non-domestic users of groundwater in British Columbia three more years to apply for a water licence to lawfully continue to use and divert water from an aquifer and to preserve their dates of precedence.

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