

## Bibliography

# Governance of Small Drinking Water Systems

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## INTRODUCTION

Small drinking water systems (SDWS) are widely recognised as posing significant challenges for drinking water management and governance, due to their geographic isolation, small ratepayer base, and limited human and financial capacity. These systems typically supply drinking water to small rural, indigenous, and peri-urban communities, and can contribute to their socio-economic marginalisation through water contamination, insecurity, and unaffordability. While the water quality issues and capacity constraints of small systems are widely known, the role of system governance in contributing to or addressing these issues is less well understood.

This bibliography identifies academic publications from 1990-June 2018 that examine one or more aspects of the governance of SDWS in industrialised countries. Key themes in the publications are summarised in a literature review on the challenges, causes, solutions, and outcomes of small system governance, published in *Environmental Reviews*<sup>1</sup>. This bibliography updates the initial review, which analysed publications from 1990-October 2016.

The bibliography is organised by year of publication to illustrate changes in the number and scope of publications on SDWS governance over time.

We hope that this bibliography provides a relevant and helpful starting point for researchers, practitioners, and others interested in learning more about SDWS governance.

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