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TITLE: Our Water

What have we got down there? We have a water lens that is 25 metres deep x 100 sq miles. That's a lot of water.

According to an Australian funded hydrologists report, we use 3-5% annually. But this is not going to run out.

Niue's water lens fills up every time it rains. Also note a lot seeps out to the sea. So this is not a pool that does not replenish itself. We are lucky to have this filled constantly.

The Australian report also estimates that in a drought we will be able to draw water for 10 years or more. That's a very long drought.

Our task is to look after the water and prevent pollution. It's why waste management is so important.

If we bottle water we can draw up to 10% without any problems.

So the story about our water running out is not based on facts.

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