Students across the Northern Territory will now gain a better awareness and understanding of our water resources, thanks to an education kit that will be integrated into the Northern Territory Curriculum Framework.

Minister for Lands and Planning, Kon Vatskalis, launched the new kit today to coincide with World Wetlands Week and the International Year of Freshwater.

"This educational resource has been specifically designed and developed in the Northern Territory by local scientists and teachers," Mr Vatskalis said.

"The kit aims to increase students’ awareness of issues affecting our waterways, and most importantly, provides activities that allow them to gain hands-on experience while encouraging them to promote sustainable environmental practices in the community."

Mr Vatskalis said the Northern Territory is proudly associated with Waterwatch Australia – a national network of more than 50,000 people who share a vision of healthy waterways, and promote their communities to become involved and responsible for water quality monitoring in their area.

The first Waterwatch project in the NT commenced in 1994 with the appointment of the Northern Territory Waterwatch Facilitator, with five regions now employing regional Waterwatch Coordinators.

"This educational kit takes the Northern Territory’s involvement in Waterwatch issues to a new level, reaching out to our youth," Mr Vatskalis said.

"The data and activities included in the kit have relevant links to the current Northern Territory Curriculum Framework, so it can easily be incorporated into work schedules and day-to-day teaching."

Mr Vatskalis said the new Northern Territory Waterwatch Education Kit is now available for schools, and will also be posted on the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment web site.