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ABORIGINAL USE OF GROUNDWATER

1. Give some examples of groundwater resources that are important to Aboriginal people.

2. Why is little known about Aboriginal groundwater use in the Sydney Basin and Blue Mountains areas?

3. Name a Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem that is important to Aboriginal people.

4. Read and answer the questions from the Blue Mountains-Swamps Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems Case Study.





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Aboriginal people and groundwater today

Use the following Table to answer the following:

TABLE 1. Groundwater supplies for Indigenous communities with a population of 100 or less.
Source: Grey-Gardner and Walker (2002), page 1.

State* or Territory	Number of communities	Number of communities on bore water	Percent of communities on bore water	Reported populations in communities on bore water
NT	588	417	71%	8226
NSW	35	6	15%	425
TAS	1			
WA	235	182	78%	4365
SA	90	47	52%	730
QLD	109	22	20%	393
Total	1058*	674		14139

* Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory do not have communities with a population of 100 or less.
** Six NT communities did not state their type of water supply.

1.
 - a. The state or territory that has most Aboriginal people in communities (<100 people) dependent on groundwater is _____ but this result may be inaccurate because _____
 - b. The state or territory that has the greatest percentage of Aboriginal communities (<100 people) in their state or territory dependent on groundwater is _____
 - c. Victoria and the ACT are not represented in this table because _____

2. Explain why these people dependent on groundwater

3. Using an example from another country, describe another community that is dependent on groundwater to survive.

