

Wan Junaidi: Law to gazette water catchment areas to be tabled next year

PUTRAJAYA: A new law to gazette water catchment areas and water sources will be tabled in Parliament by April next year.

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said the law

would standardise water management processes nationwide.

"We have engaged the stakeholders and many agreed to the new law," he said here yesterday.

"This will make water management easier and more efficient."

He said states must upgrade infrastructure at water catchment areas to manage non-revenue water, which was one of the most pressing problems.

"We have to achieve the international standard of 25 per cent of non-

revenue water. Currently, we stand at 36 per cent," he said after meeting non-governmental organisations (NGOs) here.

Wan Junaidi said the NGOs also called for the gazetting of downstream water resources and in-

creased protection for water catchment areas.

On the pollution in Sungai Kilim, Langkawi, he said investigations were under way and the outcome of the investigation would be revealed next week.