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Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Unregulated River Water Sources 2025

under the Water Management Act 2000

Part 1 Introduction

Note— Respect is paid to the traditional owners of this country, who are acknowledged as the first natural resource managers within the Murrumbidgee Water Management Area and the Murray Water Management Area.

1 Name of Plan

This Plan is the *Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Unregulated River Water Sources 2025*.

2 Commencement

This Plan commences on 1 July 2025.

3 Water sources to which Plan applies

- (1) This Plan applies to the following water sources (*the water sources*) identified on the Plan Map, being water sources within the Murrumbidgee Water Management Area and the Murray Water Management Area—
 - (a) Adelong Creek Water Source,
 - (b) Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
 - (c) Billabung Water Source,
 - (d) Bredbo Water Source,
 - (e) Burkes/Bullenbung Water Source,
 - (f) Burrinjuck Dam Catchment Water Source,
 - (g) Burrumbuttock Water Source,
 - (h) Cotter Water Source,
 - (i) Gilmore/Sandy Water Source,
 - (j) Goobarragandra Water Source,
 - (k) Goodradigbee Water Source,
 - (l) Hillas Water Source,
 - (m) Houlaghans Water Source,
 - (n) Jugiong Water Source,
 - (o) Kyeamba Water Source,
 - (p) Lake George Water Source,
 - (q) Lower Billabong Water Source,
 - (r) Lower Billabong Anabranch Water Source,
 - (s) Middle Billabong Water Source,
 - (t) Molonglo Water Source,
 - (u) Mountain Water Source,
 - (v) Murrumbidgee (Balranald to Weimby) Water Source,
 - (w) Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Waldaira) Water Source,

- (x) Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie) Water Source,
- (y) Murrumbidgee I Water Source,
- (z) Murrumbidgee II Water Source,
- (za) Murrumbidgee III Water Source,
- (zb) Murrumbidgee North Water Source,
- (zc) Murrumbidgee Western Water Source,
- (zd) Muttama Water Source,
- (ze) Numeralla East Water Source,
- (zf) Numeralla West Water Source,
- (zg) Queanbeyan Water Source,
- (zh) Tantangara Water Source,
- (zi) Tarcutta Creek Water Source,
- (zj) Ten Mile Water Source,
- (zk) Upper Billabong Water Source,
- (zl) Upper Tumut Water Source,
- (zm) Upper Wangamong Water Source,
- (zn) Urana Water Source,
- (zo) Yarra Yarra Water Source,
- (zp) Yass Lower Water Source, and
- (zq) Yass Upper Water Source.

Note— Under the Act, section 57A(4), water taken from the floodplain for a regulated river water source under a floodplain harvesting access licence is treated as having been taken from the regulated river water source.

- (2) Subject to subclause (3), the water sources include all surface water.
- (3) These water sources do not include water—
 - (a) contained in channels used for the purposes of conveying water within the area of operations of an irrigation corporation specified in Schedule 1 of the Act,
 - (b) contained in the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source to which the *Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2016* applies,
 - (c) occurring naturally on the surface of the ground or in rivers, lakes and wetlands in the area marked as Lowbidgee Area shown on the Plan Map, except all water—
 - (i) in Pee Vee Creek within the Murrumbidgee Western Water Source, and
 - (ii) occurring within Lake Tala in the Murrumbidgee Western Water Source and Five Mile Lagoon within the Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Waldaira) Water Source.

Editorial Note— Pee Vee Creek was formerly known as Talpee Creek

4 Management zones to which Plan applies

- (1) The Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source is divided into the following management zones, as shown on the Plan Map—
 - (a) Adjungbilly Creek Management Zone,

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- (b) Brungle Creek Management Zone,
- (c) Bombowlee Creek Management Zone,
- (d) Killimicat Creek Management Zone, and
- (e) Oak Creek Management Zone.
- (2) Jugiong Water Source is divided into the following management zones, as shown on the Plan Map—
 - (a) Demondrille Creek Management Zone,
 - (b) Currawong Creek Management Zone, and
 - (c) Jugiong Tributaries Management Zone.
- (3) Lower Billabong Water Source is divided into the following management zones, as shown on the Plan Map—
 - (a) Lower Billabong Creek Management Zone, and
 - (b) Nowranie Creek Management Zone.
- (4) Middle Billabong Water Source is divided into the following management zones, as shown on the Plan Map—
 - (a) Billabong Creek Upstream of Culcairn Management Zone, and
 - (b) Billabong Creek Downstream of Culcairn Management Zone.
- (5) Numeralla West Water Source is divided into the following management zones, as shown on the Plan Map—
 - (a) Bunyan Management Zone, and
 - (b) Cooma Management Zone.
- (6) Tarcutta Creek Water Source is divided into the following management zones, as shown on the Plan Map—
 - (a) Borambola Management Zone,
 - (b) Umbango Management Zone, and
 - (c) Westbrook Management Zone.
- (7) Yass Upper Water Source is divided into the following management zones, as shown on the Plan Map—
 - (a) Yass River Upstream of Gundaroo Gauge Management Zone, and
 - (b) Yass River Downstream of Gundaroo Gauge Management Zone.

4A Trading zones to which Plan applies

- (1) The Adelong Creek Water Source has the Hindmarsh Creek Trading Zone, as shown on the Plan Map,
- (2) The Tarcutta Creek Water Source has the Tarcutta Swamp Trading Zone, as shown on the Plan Map.
- 5 Extraction management units established by Plan—the Act, s 20(2)(a)

The following extraction management units are established—

- (a) the Unregulated Murrumbidgee Above Burrinjuck Dam Extraction Management Unit, consisting of the following—
 - (i) Bredbo Water Source,

- (ii) Burrinjuck Dam Catchment Water Source,
- (iii) Cotter Water Source,
- (iv) Goodradigbee Water Source,
- (v) Lake George Water Source,
- (vi) Molonglo Water Source,
- (vii) Murrumbidgee I Water Source,
- (viii) Murrumbidgee II Water Source,
 - (ix) Murrumbidgee III Water Source,
 - (x) Numeralla East Water Source,
 - (xi) Numeralla West Water Source,
- (xii) Queanbeyan Water Source,
- (xiii) Tantangara Water Source,
- (xiv) Yass Lower Water Source, and
- (xv) Yass Upper Water Source.
- (b) the Unregulated Murrumbidgee Below Burrinjuck Dam to Gogeldrie Extraction Management Unit, consisting of the following—
 - (i) Adelong Creek Water Source,
 - (ii) Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
 - (iii) Billabung Water Source,
 - (iv) Burkes/Bullenbung Water Source,
 - (v) Gilmore/Sandy Water Source,
 - (vi) Goobarragandra Water Source,
 - (vii) Hillas Water Source,
 - (viii) Houlaghans Water Source,
 - (ix) Jugiong Water Source,
 - (x) Kyeamba Water Source,
 - (xi) Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie) Water Source,
 - (xii) Muttama Water Source,
 - (xiii) Tarcutta Creek Water Source, and
 - (xiv) Upper Tumut Water Source.
- (c) the Unregulated Murrumbidgee Gogeldrie to Weimby Extraction Management Unit, consisting of the following—
 - (i) Lower Billabong Anabranch Water Source,
 - (ii) Murrumbidgee (Balranald to Weimby) Water Source,
 - (iii) Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Waldaira) Water Source,
 - (iv) Murrumbidgee North Water Source, and
 - (v) Murrumbidgee Western Water Source.

- (d) the Unregulated Billabong Extraction Management Unit, consisting of the following—
 - (i) Burrumbuttock Water Source,
 - (ii) Lower Billabong Water Source,
 - (iii) Middle Billabong Water Source,
 - (iv) Mountain Water Source,
 - (v) Ten Mile Water Source,
 - (vi) Upper Billabong Water Source,
 - (vii) Upper Wangamong Water Source,
 - (viii) Urana Water Source, and
 - (ix) Yarra Yarra Water Source.

6 Interpretation

- (1) The Dictionary in Schedule 4 defines words used in this Plan.
 - **Note** The *Interpretation Act 1987* contains definitions and other provisions affecting the interpretation and application of this Plan.
- (2) Unless otherwise specified in this Plan, a category of an access licence includes a reference to a subcategory of the access licence.

7 Maps

(1) A reference in this Plan to a named map adopted by this Plan is a reference to a map by that name kept and made available for public access in accordance with arrangements approved by the Minister.

Note— The following maps are available on the Department's website—

- (a) the Plan Map,
- (b) the WSP Prescribed Wetlands Map.
- (2) A map that amends or replaces a map adopted by this Plan has effect only if this Plan is amended to give effect to it.

Part 2 Vision, objectives, strategies and performance indicators

8 Vision statement—the Act, s 35(1)(a)

The vision for this Plan is to provide for the following—

- (a) the health and enhancement of the water sources and their water-dependent ecosystems,
- (b) the continuing productive extraction of water for economic benefit,
- (c) the spiritual, social, customary and economic benefits of water to Aboriginal communities,
- (d) the social and cultural benefits to urban and rural communities resulting from water.

9 Objectives of Plan—the Act, s 35(1)(b)

The objectives of this Plan are as follows—

- (a) to protect and, where possible, enhance and restore the condition of the water sources and their water-dependent ecosystems,
- (b) to maintain and, where possible, improve access to water to optimise economic benefits for agriculture, water-dependent industries and local economies,
- (c) to maintain and, where possible, improve the spiritual, social, customary and economic values and uses of water by Aboriginal people,
- (d) to provide access to water to support water-dependent social and cultural values.
- (e) to maintain and, where possible, improve water quality within target ranges for the water sources to support water-dependent ecosystems and social, cultural and economic values.

10 Strategies for reaching objectives—the Act, s 35(1)(c)

- (1) The strategies for reaching the objectives of this Plan include the following—
 - (a) on average, reserve all water in excess of each long-term average annual extraction limit and long-term average sustainable diversion limit for the environment,
 - (b) reserve a portion of natural flows to partially mitigate alterations to natural flow regimes in the water sources,
 - (c) restrict the take of water from an in-river pool or off-river pool when the volume of water in the pool is less than the volume of water that can be held by the pool when at full capacity,
 - (d) reserve a portion of natural flows to maintain hydrological connectivity between the water sources and other connected water sources,
 - (e) manage the construction and use of water supply works to minimise impacts on instream ecosystems, basic landholder rights and town water supply,
 - (f) restrict or prevent water supply work approvals for in-river dams on third or higher order streams within specified water sources,
 - (g) provide for trade of water allocations and share components subject to environmental constraints and local impacts,
 - (h) provide a stable and predictable framework for sharing water among water users,

- (i) provide for flexibility of access to water,
- (j) manage access to water consistently with the exercise of native title rights and domestic and stock rights,
- (k) provide for water associated with Aboriginal cultural values and uses.
- (2) Each strategy may contribute to achieving one or more of the objectives of this Plan.

11 Performance indicators—the Act, s 35(1)(d)

- (1) The performance indicators used to measure the success of the strategies for reaching the objectives of this Plan are the changes or trends, during the term of this Plan, in the following—
 - (a) the ecological condition of the water sources,
 - (b) economic benefits,
 - (c) Aboriginal cultural benefits,
 - (d) social and cultural benefits,
 - (e) water quality condition.

11A Monitoring and evaluation

- (1) Monitoring and evaluation of this Plan's objectives, strategies and performance indicators must be undertaken in the way approved by the Minister.
- (2) By 31 December 2026, the Minister must publish the monitoring, evaluation and reporting plan for this Plan that links with the objectives, strategies and performance indicators of this Plan.
- (3) By 31 December 2025, and annually thereafter, the Minister must publicly report on implementation of this Plan, including on progress against the monitoring, evaluation and reporting plan.
- (4) Commencing work in Year 8 of this Plan, the Minister must publicly report in Year 9 of this plan on the results on the monitoring and evaluation undertaken according to the plan developed under subsection (2).

Part 3 Requirements for water

Division 1 Requirements for water to satisfy basic landholder rights—the Act, s 20(1)(b)

12 Domestic and stock rights

On the commencement of this Plan, the amount of water required to satisfy domestic and stock rights is estimated to be 7,355 ML/year distributed as follows—

- (a) 121 ML/year in the Adelong Creek Water Source,
- (b) 163 ML/year in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
- (c) 164 ML/year in the Billabung Water Source,
- (d) 128 ML/year in the Bredbo Water Source,
- (e) 227 ML/year in the Burkes/Bullenbung Water Source,
- (f) 114 ML/year in the Burrinjuck Dam Catchment Water Source,
- (g) 23 ML/year in the Burrumbuttock Water Source,
- (h) 33 ML/year in the Cotter Water Source,
- (i) 96 ML/year in the Gilmore/Sandy Water Source,
- (j) 98 ML/year in the Goobarragandra Water Source,
- (k) 83 ML/year in the Goodradigbee Water Source,
- (1) 152 ML/year in the Hillas Water Source,
- (m) 188 ML/year in the Houlaghans Water Source,
- (n) 473 ML/year in the Jugiong Water Source,
- (o) 148 ML/year in the Kyeamba Water Source,
- (p) 209 ML/year in the Lake George Water Source,
- (q) 62 ML/year in the Lower Billabong Water Source,
- (r) 117 ML/year in the Lower Billabong Anabranch Water Source,
- (s) 321 ML/year in the Middle Billabong Water Source,
- (t) 63 ML/year in the Molonglo Water Source,
- (u) 101 ML/year in the Mountain Water Source,
- (v) 8 ML/year in the Murrumbidgee (Balranald to Weimby) Water Source,
- (w) 82 ML/year in the Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Waldaira) Water Source,
- (x) 744 ML/year in the Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie) Water Source,
- (y) 289 ML/year in the Murrumbidgee I Water Source,
- (z) 106 ML/year in the Murrumbidgee II Water Source,
- (za) 167 ML/year in the Murrumbidgee III Water Source,
- (zb) 367 ML/year in the Murrumbidgee North Water Source,
- (zc) 286 ML/year in the Murrumbidgee Western Water Source,

- (zd) 259 ML/year in the Muttama Water Source,
- (ze) 222 ML/year in the Numeralla East Water Source,
- (zf) 157 ML/year in the Numeralla West Water Source,
- (zg) 166 ML/year in the Queanbeyan Water Source,
- (zh) 11 ML/year in the Tantangara Water Source,
- (zi) 413 ML/year in the Tarcutta Creek Water Source,
- (zj) 54 ML/year in the Ten Mile Water Source,
- (zk) 93 ML/year in the Upper Billabong Water Source,
- (zl) 72 ML/year in the Upper Tumut Water Source,
- (zm) 56 ML/year in the Upper Wangamong Water Source,
- (zn) 93 ML/year in the Urana Water Source,
- (zo) 75 ML/year in the Yarra Yarra Water Source,
- (zp) 265 ML/year in the Yass Lower Water Source, and
- (zq) 286 ML/year in the Yass Upper Water Source.

13 Native title rights

The requirement for water to satisfy native title rights is the water that may be taken in the exercise of native title rights in accordance with the *Native Title Act 1993* of the Commonwealth, including—

- (a) any determination of native title, and
- (b) any indigenous land use agreement.

Note— A native title holder is entitled, without the need for an access licence, water supply work approval or water use approval, to take and use water in the exercise of native title rights—see the Act, section 55.

14 Harvestable rights

On the commencement of this Plan, the amount of water required to satisfy harvestable rights had not been estimated.

Division 2 Requirements for water for extraction under access licences

15 Share components of access licences in the water sources—the Act, s 20(1)(c)

- (1) On the commencement of this Plan, the share components of domestic and stock access licences (other than domestic and stock access licences of the subcategory 'town water supply') are estimated to be a total of 3,733 ML/year distributed as follows—
 - (a) 79.5 ML/year in the Adelong Creek Water Source,
 - (b) 5 ML/year in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
 - (c) 20 ML/year in the Billabung Water Source,
 - (d) 22 ML/year in the Burkes/Bullenbung Water Source,
 - (e) 81.5 ML/year in the Gilmore/Sandy Water Source,
 - (f) 14 ML/year in the Goobarragandra Water Source,
 - (g) 30 ML/year in the Hillas Water Source,
 - (h) 12 ML/year in the Houlaghans Water Source,

- (i) 59 ML/year in the Jugiong Water Source,
- (j) 10 ML/year in the Kyeamba Water Source,
- (k) 12 ML/year in the Lake George Water Source,
- (1) 1,920 ML/year in the Lower Billabong Water Source,
- (m) 7 ML/year in the Lower Billabong Anabranch Water Source,
- (n) 26 ML/year in the Middle Billabong Water Source,
- (o) 7 ML/year in the Molonglo Water Source,
- (p) 7 ML/year in the Mountain Water Source,
- (q) 39 ML/year in the Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Waldaira) Water Source,
- (r) 121 ML/year in the Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie) Water Source,
- (s) 653.5 ML/year in the Murrumbidgee I Water Source,
- (t) 26 ML/year in the Murrumbidgee II Water Source,
- (za) 45 ML/year in the Murrumbidgee III Water Source,
- (zb) 30 ML/year in the Murrumbidgee North Water Source,
- (zc) 90 ML/year in the Murrumbidgee Western Water Source,
- (zd) 27 ML/year in the Muttama Water Source,
- (ze) 26 ML/year in the Numeralla East Water Source,
- (zf) 7.5 ML/year in the Numeralla West Water Source,
- (zg) 3 ML/year in the Queanbeyan Water Source,
- (zh) 70 ML/year in the Tarcutta Creek Water Source,
- (zi) 7 ML/year in the Upper Billabong Water Source,
- (zj) 7 ML/year in the Upper Tumut Water Source,
- (zk) 174 ML/year in the Urana Water Source,
- (zl) 20 ML/year in the Yarra Yarra Water Source,
- (zm) 23.25 ML/year in the Yass Lower Water Source,
- (zn) 51.5 ML/year in the Yass Upper Water Source, and
- (zo) 0 ML/year in all other water sources.
- (2) On the commencement of this Plan, the share components of domestic and stock access licences of the subcategory 'town water supply' are estimated to be a total of 4,788 ML/year distributed as follows—
 - (a) 516 ML/year in the Gilmore/Sandy Water Source,
 - (b) 30 ML/year in the Jugiong Water Source,
 - (c) 250 ML/year in the Molonglo Water Source,
 - (d) 2,134 ML/year in the Murrumbidgee I Water Source,
 - (e) 5 ML/year in the Murrumbidgee II Water Source,
 - (f) 153 ML/year in the Upper Tumut Water Source,

- (g) 1,700 ML/year in the Yass Lower Water Source,
- (h) 0 ML/year in all other water sources.
- (3) On the commencement of this Plan, the share components of local water utility access licences are estimated to be a total of 70 ML/year distributed as follows—
 - (a) 40 ML/year in the Lower Billabong Water Source,
 - (b) 30 ML/year in the Tarcutta Creek Water Source,
 - (c) 0 ML/year in all other water sources.
- (4) On the commencement of this Plan, the share components of unregulated river access licences are estimated to be a total of 88,766 unit shares distributed as follows—
 - (a) 3,778.3 unit shares in the Adelong Creek Water Source,
 - (b) 643 unit shares in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
 - (c) 191 unit shares in the Billabung Water Source,
 - (d) 230.5 unit shares in the Bredbo Water Source,
 - (e) 491 unit shares in the Burkes/Bullenbung Water Source,
 - (f) 12 unit shares in the Burrinjuck Dam Catchment Water Source,
 - (g) 95 unit shares in the Burrumbuttock Water Source,
 - (h) 4,429.35 unit shares in the Gilmore/Sandy Water Source,
 - (i) 1,672 unit shares in the Goobarragandra Water Source,
 - (j) 874 unit shares in the Goodradigbee Water Source,
 - (k) 1,513.1 unit shares in the Hillas Water Source,
 - (1) 10 unit shares in the Houlaghans Water Source,
 - (m) 2,204.5 unit shares in the Jugiong Water Source,
 - (n) 388 unit shares in the Kyeamba Water Source,
 - (o) 391.5 unit shares in the Lake George Water Source,
 - (p) 8,285 unit shares in the Lower Billabong Water Source,
 - (q) 868 unit shares in the Lower Billabong Anabranch Water Source,
 - (r) 353 unit shares in the Middle Billabong Water Source,
 - (s) 222.5 unit shares in the Molonglo Water Source,
 - (t) 15,529 unit shares in the Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Waldaira) Water Source,
 - (u) 6,390 unit shares in the Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie) Water Source,
 - (v) 1,752.5 unit shares in the Murrumbidgee I Water Source,
 - (w) 6,584.5 unit shares in the Murrumbidgee II Water Source,
 - (za) 1,867.7 unit shares in the Murrumbidgee III Water Source,
 - (zb) 659 unit shares in the Murrumbidgee North Water Source,
 - (zc) 14,870 unit shares in the Murrumbidgee Western Water Source,
 - (zd) 810 unit shares in the Muttama Water Source,

- (ze) 4,284 unit shares in the Numeralla East Water Source,
- (zf) 339 unit shares in the Numeralla West Water Source,
- (zg) 431 unit shares in the Queanbeyan Water Source,
- (zh) 532 unit shares in the Tantangara Water Source,
- (zi) 5,170 unit shares in the Tarcutta Creek Water Source,
- (zi) 330 unit shares in the Upper Billabong Water Source,
- (zk) 272 unit shares in the Upper Tumut Water Source,
- (zl) 229 unit shares in the Urana Water Source,
- (zm) 12 unit shares in the Yarra Yarra Water Source,
- (zn) 447 unit shares in the Yass Lower Water Source,
- (zo) 1,605.2 unit shares in the Yass Upper Water Source, and
- (zp) 0 unit shares in all other water sources.

Editorial Note— The above estimated figures in Tantangara Water Source and Upper Tumut Water Source include the share components issued in relation to the Snowy 2.0 scheme.

(5) On the commencement of this Plan, the share components of unregulated river (high flow) access licences are estimated to be a total of 0 ML/year in the water sources.

Note— The total share components of access licences in the water sources may change during the term of this Plan as a result of—

- (a) the grant, surrender or cancellation of access licences in the water sources, or
- (b) the variation of local water utility licences under the Act, section 66, or
- (c) ongoing conversion of entitlements under the Water Act 1912 to access licences under the Act, or
- (d) amendments to access licences under the Act, section 68A.

Part 4 Limits to the availability of water

Division 1 Available water determinations—the Act, s 20(2)(b)

16 Available water determinations

- (1) The sum of available water determinations made for an access licence must not be more than the following in a water year—
 - (a) for an access licence specifying the share component in ML/year—100% of the access licence share component,
 - (b) for an access licence specifying the share component as a number of unit shares—

 1 ML/unit share of the access licence share component.
- (2) At the start of each water year, available water determinations must be made as follows unless the Minister is of the opinion that a different available water determination should be made—
 - (a) for domestic and stock access licences—100%,
 - (b) for local water utility access licences—100%,
 - (c) for unregulated river access licences—1 ML/unit share.
 - (d) for unregulated river (high flow) access licences—1 ML/unit share.
- (3) This section is subject to section 25.

Note— The Minister may, at any time, make available water determinations in relation to the availability of water for a category or subcategory of access licence—see the Act, section 59.

Division 2 Extraction limits—the Act, s 20(1)(a) and s 20(1)(e)

Subdivision 1 Preliminary

17 Operation of Division—the Act, s 8

For the Act, section 8(1A)(b) and (2), this Division—

- (a) sets out environmental water rules, and
- (b) commits water as planned environmental water by reference to the long-term average annual commitment of water resulting from compliance with the long-term average annual extraction limits.

18 Definitions

In this Division—

3-year average extraction means the average of the annual extractions calculated for the most recent 3 consecutive water years for the water sources.

annual extraction means the estimated volume of water taken from the water source for the water year—

- (a) under an access licence, or
- (b) in the exercise of basic landholder rights, or
- (c) for the purposes of plantation forestry, or
- (d) for the purposes of floodplain harvesting, other than under an access licence. *average annual extraction* means the average volume of water taken each year

calculated over a defined period.

Basin Plan means the *Basin Plan 2012*, made under the *Water Act 2007* of the Commonwealth, section 44(3)(b)(i).

LTAAEL means the long-term average annual extraction limit established by section 19. **numeric LTAAEL** means an LTAAEL expressed as a number of megalitres or gigalitres. **plantation forestry** means a commercial plantation, as defined in the Basin Plan. **reduced available water determination** means available water determinations of a sum that is less than the amount specified in section 16(2) for the category of licence for which the determination is made.

SDL means the long-term average sustainable diversion limit established by section 22.

Subdivision 2 LTAAELs and SDL

19 Establishment of LTAAELs

- (1) The LTAAEL is the sum of the following within each extraction management unit—
 - (a) an estimate of the average annual extraction under entitlements under the *Water Act 1912*, Part 2 between 1 July 1993 and 30 June 1999,
 - (b) an estimate of the annual water requirements for basic landholder rights, relevantly—
 - (i) for the Adelong Creek Water Source, at the commencement of the *Water Sharing Plan for the Adelong Creek Water Source 2003*,
 - (ii) for the Tarcutta Creek Water Source, at the commencement of the *Water Sharing Plan for the Tarcutta Creek Water Source 2003*,
 - (iii) for the Upper Billabong Water Source, at the commencement of the *Water Sharing Plan for the Upper Billabong Water Source 2003*,
 - (iv) for all other water sources, at the commencement of the *Water Sharing Plan* for the Murrumbidgee Unregulated River Water Sources 2012,
 - (c) an estimate of the annual average extraction for the purposes of floodplain harvesting between 1 July 1993 and 30 June 1999.
 - (d) the estimated annual take of water from the respective extraction management unit by plantation forestry that existed on 30 June 2009.
 - **Note** The LTAAEL's are taken to be varied by a change to the amount of water committed as licensed environmental water see the Act, section 8F(2)
- (2) By 31 December 2026, the Minister is to—
 - (a) determine a numeric LTAAEL, for the purpose of facilitating the assessment of compliance with the LTAAEL under section 21,
 - (b) in the course of determining a numeric LTAAEL, request the Natural Resources Commission to provide advice on the method used to establish the numeric LTAAEL, and
 - (c) publish that numeric LTAAEL.
- (3) Following the determination and publication of a numeric LTAAEL, the Minister may amend this Plan to replace the LTAAEL (as established under subsection (1)) with that numeric LTAAEL.

- (4) By Year 6 of this Plan, the Minister is to review the numeric LTAAEL to determine whether that LTAAEL ensures a sustainable level of take (the *sustainable LTAAEL review*).
- (5) In carrying out the sustainable LTAAEL review, the Minister is to consider the following, among any other matters the Minister considers relevant
 - (a) the protection of water sources and their dependent ecosystems and species,
 - (b) the health of hydrologically connected water sources and their dependent ecosystems,
 - (c) future climate projections, including likely bounds of climate change impact within the terms of this Plan,
 - (d) a precautionary and adaptive approach to how the limit is determined as climate projections change,
 - (e) cultural, social and economic outcomes.
- (6) The Minister is to request the Natural Resources Commission to provide advice on the sustainable LTAAEL review method during the review process, and to also review its findings.
- (7) By Year 6 of this Plan, the Minister is to consider whether any amendments to this Plan should be made in light of the review described in the *Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2016*, clause 72(5).
- (8) By 31 December 2031, unless, by 30 September 2031, the Minister and the Minister for the Environment agree on an extension of that date, the Minister may amend this Plan in the following circumstances—
 - (a) to give effect to the findings of the sustainable LTAAEL review, provided that, if the review of the Basin Plan 2012 has been completed, the Minister has also considered the outcomes of the review of the Basin Plan 2012 and any associated changes to the sustainable diversion limits,
 - (b) on the basis of the consideration of the review described in subsection (7), for the purpose of ensuring that the rules in the Plan consider and adapt to climate change.

Note— The LTAAEL is taken to be varied by a change to the amount of water committed as licensed environmental water—see the Act, section 8F(2).

20 Calculation of annual extraction

As soon as practicable after the end of a water year, the annual extraction for each extraction management unit must be calculated.

21 Assessment of compliance with LTAAELs

- (1) As soon as practicable after the end of a water year, the 3-year average extraction for each extraction management unit must be compared against the LTAAEL for the extraction management unit.
- (2) There is non-compliance with the LTAAEL if the 3-year average extraction exceeds the LTAAEL by 5% or more.

22 Establishment of SDL

(1) The SDL for the water sources is the part of the long-term average sustainable diversion limit for the Murrumbidgee Sustainable Diversion Limit resource unit established by the Basin Plan that, in the Minister's opinion, applies to the water sources.

(2) The SDL must be varied in accordance with an amendment made to the Basin Plan under the *Water Act 2007* of the Commonwealth, section 23B.

23 Calculation of annual permitted take and annual actual take

- (1) After the end of a water year, the annual permitted take and annual actual take of water for the water year must be calculated for the water sources in accordance with the Basin Plan, Chapter 6, Part 4, Division 2.
- (2) For the purposes of the calculation—
 - (a) a reference to the SDL resource unit in the Basin Plan, Chapter 6, Part 4, Division 2 is taken to be a reference to the water sources, and
 - (b) a reference to the water accounting period in the Basin Plan, Chapter 6, Part 4, Division 2 is taken to be a reference to the water year.
- (3) In this section—

annual actual take and annual permitted take have the same meaning as they have in the Basin Plan, section 6.10.

24 Assessment of compliance with SDL

- (1) After the end of a water year, compliance with the SDL must be assessed using the method set out in the Basin Plan, Chapter 6, Part 4, Division 2.
- (2) For the purposes of the calculation—
 - (a) a reference to the long-term annual diversion limit in the Basin Plan, Chapter 6, Part 4, Division 2 is taken to be a reference to the SDL for the water sources, and
 - (b) a reference to the SDL resource unit in the Basin Plan, Chapter 6, Part 4, Division 2 is taken to be a reference to the water sources.
- (3) There is non-compliance with the SDL in the circumstances set out in the Basin Plan, Chapter 6, Part 4, Division 2.

25 Compliance with LTAAELs and SDL

- (1) This section applies to an extraction management unit if—
 - (a) there is non-compliance with the LTAAEL for the extraction management unit, or
 - (b) there is non-compliance with the SDL for the water sources.
- (2) In the water year occurring immediately after a non-compliance is assessed (the *next* water year), reduced available water determinations of less than 1 ML/unit share must be made for one or both of the following categories of access licence—
 - (a) an unregulated river access licence,
 - (b) an unregulated river (high flow) access licence.
- (3) Reduced available water determinations must be made to the extent necessary—
 - (a) for non-compliance with a LTAAEL—to return the 3 year-average extraction to be calculated at the end of that water year to the LTAAEL, and
 - (b) otherwise—to ensure compliance with a SDL in accordance with the Basin Plan, Chapter 6, Part 4, Division 2.

Note— The Minister may, at any time, make available water determinations, in relation to the availability of water for a category or subcategory of access licence—see the Act, section 59.

(4) The Minister may also take one or more actions specified in this section if there would have been non-compliance with the SDL but for a reasonable excuse under the Basin Plan, Chapter 6, Part 4, Division 2, as a result of any action taken under clause 6.12 (5) of the Basin Plan.



Part 5 Rules for granting and managing access licences—the Act, s 20(2)(b)

26 Specific purpose access licences

Note— A person may also apply for a specific purpose access licence in circumstances where the regulations provide that an application for the licence may be made—see the Act, section 61(1)(a).

- (1) An application for a specific purpose access licence must not be made unless the share and extraction components of the access licence are the minimum amount required for the proposed use.
- (2) A person may apply for a specific purpose access licence of the subcategory Aboriginal cultural if—
 - (a) the share component of the licence is no more than 10 ML/year, and
 - (b) the licence is primarily for the taking of water by an Aboriginal person or Aboriginal community for personal, domestic or communal purposes, including the following—
 - (i) drinking and food preparation,
 - (ii) washing,
 - (iii) manufacturing traditional artefacts,
 - (iv) watering domestic gardens,
 - (v) cultural teaching,
 - (vi) hunting, fishing and gathering,
 - (vii) traditional food production,
 - (viii) purposes to achieve environmental outcomes,
 - (ix) recreational, cultural and ceremonial purposes, and
 - (c) any commercial benefit obtained by the taking or use of the water is only ancillary or incidental to the purpose for which the water was taken.
- (3) In this section—

Aboriginal person has the same meaning as in the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

27 Management of access licences

- (1) This section applies to an access licence affected by a change to the boundary of a water source or water management area to which this Plan applies, whether the change is made on the commencement of this Plan or as an amendment to this Plan.
- (2) The Minister may amend the share component or extraction component, or both, of an access licence to which this section applies to change the following—
 - (a) the water management area or water source to which the share component of the licence relates,
 - (b) the management zones from which water may be taken in accordance with the extraction component of the licence.

Part 6 Operation of water allocation accounts and managing access licences

Division 1 Preliminary

28 Operation of Part—the Act, s 8

For the Act, section 8(1A)(a) and (c) and (2), this Part—

- (a) sets out environmental water rules, and
- (b) in Divisions 2–4—commits water as planned environmental water by reference to the water that is not committed after the commitments to basic landholder rights and for sharing and extraction under any other rights have been met, and
- (c) in Divisions 3–4—commits water as planned environmental water by reference to the commitment of the physical presence of water in the water source.

Division 2 Operation of water allocation accounts—the Act, s 21(c)

Note— The *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018*, clause 17, also includes provisions regarding the debiting of water allocation accounts.

29 Water allocation account debiting

- (1) Subject to (3) below, the volume of water debited from the water allocation account of an unregulated river access licence or an unregulated river (high flow) access licence must not be more than the relevant sum during a period of 3 consecutive water years.
- (2) Subject to (3) below, the volume of water debited from the water allocation account of a domestic and stock access licence or a local water utility access licence must not be more than the relevant sum during the period of 1 water year.
- (3) The volume of water debited from the water allocation account of any access licence with a share component that specifies the Adelong Creek Water Source, the Tarcutta Creek Water Source or the Upper Billabong Water Source must not be more than the relevant sum during a period of 3 consecutive water years.
- (4) In this section—

debited means taken, assigned under the Act, section 71T, or otherwise debited or withdrawn from a water allocation account.

relevant sum means the sum of the following during the specified period—

- (a) the water allocations credited to the water allocation account from available water determinations,
- (b) the water allocations assigned to the water allocation account under the Act, section 71T or 71V,
- (c) the water allocations recredited to the water allocation account under the Act, section 76.

30 Carryover of water remaining in water allocation account

- (1) Subject to (2), water allocations remaining in the water allocation account—
 - (a) of a domestic and stock access licence or a local water utility access licence—must not be carried over from one water year to the next water year, or
 - (b) otherwise—must be carried over from one water year to the next water year, up to an amount equal to the following—

- (i) for access licences with share components expressed as ML/year—100% of the share component,
- (ii) for access licences with share components expressed as a number of unit shares—1 ML/unit share.
- (2) Water allocations remaining in the water allocation account of all access licences in the Adelong Creek Water Source, the Tarcutta Creek Water Source and the Upper Billabong Water Source must be carried over from one water year to the next water year, up to an amount equal to the following—
 - (a) for access licences with share components expressed as ML/year—100% of the share component,
 - (b) for access licences with share components expressed as a number of unit shares—

 1 ML/unit share.

Division 3 Flow classes

31 Flow classes for specified water sources and management zones—the Act, s 21(a)

- (1) This Plan establishes the flow classes set out in Schedule 1 for the water sources and management zones specified.
- (2) In Schedule 1, the flow class applies when the water source or management zone flow meets the flow specified under the flow class threshold for the water source or management zone as observed at the flow reference point specified.

32 Minister may determine flow classes in certain circumstances

- (1) If the Minister is satisfied accurate flow data is not available from a gauge used to determine a flow class, the Minister may determine the flow class.
- (2) If the Minister determines a flow class, the Minister must cause a notice to be published on the Department's website specifying the following—
 - (a) the flow class and flow class threshold determined by the Minister,
 - (b) the water source and management zone, if any, to which the flow class applies,
 - (c) the day on which the flow class applies.
- (3) In determining the flow class, the Minister may consider the following—
 - (a) evidence of past and current flows,
 - (b) readings at other functioning upstream and downstream gauges.
- (4) A flow class published in a notice under this section is taken to be a flow class established by this Plan.

Division 4 Access rules for take of surface water—the Act, s 20(1)(a) and s 21(a)

Note— Discretionary conditions may also be imposed under sections 66(1)(b) and 100(1)(b) of the Act, in addition to mandatory conditions which are required to be imposed by the access rules in this Division.

33 General

- (1) Surface water must not be taken if there is no visible flow at the location from which the water would be taken, except from the following locations—
 - (a) an in-river pool,
 - (b) an off-river pool,

- (c) an in-river dam pool.
- (d) an off-river dam pool
- (2) Subject to 34(3) and (4), surface water must not be taken from—
 - (a) an in-river pool that is below full capacity, or
 - (b) up until the end of Year 5 of this Plan, an off-river pool that is below 80% of full capacity, or
 - (c) from the beginning of Year 6 of this Plan, an off-river pool that is below 100% of full capacity, or
 - (d) an in-river dam pool unless the take is not inconsistent with a water supply work approval authorising the use of a water supply work for the purpose of taking water from the in-river dam pool,
 - (e) an off-river dam pool that is below its natural capacity.

34 Specific access rules

- (1) Surface water must not be taken from the following water sources or management zones if flows are in the Very Low Flow Class—
 - (a) Adelong Creek Water Source,
 - (b) Adjungbilly Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
 - (c) Billabung Water Source,
 - (d) Billabong Creek Downstream of Culcairn Management Zone in the Middle Billabong Water Source,
 - (e) Billabong Creek Upstream of Culcairn Management Zone in the Middle Billabong Water Source,
 - (f) Bombowlee Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
 - (g) Borambola Management Zone in the Tarcutta Creek Water Source
 - (h) Bredbo Water Source,
 - (i) Brungle Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
 - (j) Bunyan Management Zone in the Numeralla West Water Source,
 - (k) Cooma Management Zone in the Numeralla West Water Source,
 - (l) Currawong Creek Management Zone in the Jugiong Water Source,
 - (m) Demondrille Creek Management Zone in the Jugiong Water Source,
 - (n) Gilmore/Sandy Water Source,
 - (o) Goobarragandra Water Source,
 - (p) Goodradigbee Water Source,
 - (q) Hillas Water Source,
 - (r) Killimicat Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
 - (s) Kyeamba Water Source,

- (t) Lower Billabong Creek Management Zone in the Lower Billabong Water Source,
- (u) Molonglo Water Source,
- (zp) Mountain Water Source,
- (zq) Murrumbidgee I Water Source,
- (zr) Murrumbidgee II Water Source,
- (zs) Murrumbidgee III Water Source,
- (v) Nowranie Creek Management Zone in the Lower Billabong Water Source,
- (w) Numeralla East Water Source,
- (x) Queanbeyan Water Source,
- (y) Tantangara Water Source,
- (z) Ten Mile Water Source,
- (aa) Umbango Management Zone in the Tarcutta Creek Water Source,
- (bb) Upper Billabong Water Source,
- (cc) Westbrook Management Zone in the Tarcutta Creek Water Source,
- (dd) Yarra Yarra Water Source,
- (ee) Yass Lower Water Source,
- (ff) Yass River Upstream of Gundaroo Gauge Management Zone in the Yass Upper Water Source,
- (gg) Yass River Downstream of Gundaroo Gauge Management Zone in the Yass Upper Water Source.
- (2) Surface water must not be taken under an unregulated river (high flow) access licence in the following water sources or with an extraction component specifying the following management zone unless flows are in the
 - (a) B Class in the
 - (i) Adjungbilly Creek Management Zone,
 - (ii) Gilmore/Sandy Water Source,
 - (iii) Hillas Water Source,
 - (iv) Murrumbidgee III Water Source, or
 - (b) C Class in the
 - (i) Goobarragandra Water Source,
 - (ii) Goodradigbee Water Source.
- (3) Until the end of Year 5 of this Plan, surface water must not be taken from an off-river pool or an off-river dam pool listed in Schedule 3, Table B, when—
 - (a) an off-river pool is below 80% full capacity or an off-river dam pool is below its natural capacity, or
 - (b) the volume of water in an off-river pool or an off-river dam pool increases from less than or equal to 50% capacity to greater than 50% capacity because of an environmental water release, in accordance with a notice published on a publicly accessible website. This prohibition remains, in accordance with the notice, until

the volume of water in the off-river pool or the off-river dam pool increases due to water entering the off-river pool or off-river dam pool that is not from an environmental water release.

- (4) From the beginning of Year 6 of this Plan, surface water must not be taken from an off-river pool or an off-river dam pool listed in Schedule 3, Table B, when—
 - (a) the off-river pool is below 100% full capacity or the off-river dam pool is below its natural capacity, or
 - (b) the volume of water in an off-river pool or an off-river dam pool increases from less than or equal to 50% capacity to greater than 50% capacity because of an environmental water release, in accordance with a notice published on a publicly accessible website. This prohibition remains, in accordance with the notice, until the volume of water in the off-river pool or off-river dam pool increases due to water entering the off-river pool or off-river dam pool that is not from an environmental water release.
- (5) Surface water must not be taken under an access licence with a share component that specifies the Goobarragandra Water Source or the Goodradigbee Water Source between sunrise and sunset when flows in the respective water source are in the A Class.
- (6) Surface water must not be taken
 - (a) under an access licence or water supply work approval specified in Schedule 3, Table A, in contravention of the specified cease-to-take condition,
 - (b) from a pool, lagoon or lake specified in Schedule 3, Table C, in contravention of the specified cease-to-take condition.
- (7) Surface water must not be taken from an in-river dam pool under a replacement access licence in the following circumstances—
 - (a) the in-river dam pool was created by a structure authorised by a water supply work approval,
 - (b) flows or storage levels of the in-river dam pool are at or less than the flows or storage levels at which water could not be taken under the entitlement from which the replacement access licence arose,
- (8) Surface water must not be taken from an in-river dam pool to which a replacement approval applies unless the in-river dam is passing—
 - (a) the flows that were specified in the entitlement from which the replacement approval arose, or
 - (b) if no such flows were specified, such flows as are determined by the Minister.
- (9) In this section –

entitlement, replacement access licence and *replacement approval* have the same meaning as in the Act, Schedule 10.

environmental water has the same meaning as in section 8 of the Act.

Minister's Note— The Department is seeking feedback on the development of planned environmental water rules to protect flows through Mirrool Creek and Barren Box Swamp into the downstream Lower Mirrool Creek Floodplain.

35 Exceptions

- (1) Section 33(2)(a) and (c) does not apply to the take of surface water from an in-river pool or off-river pool subject to a cease-to-take condition that permits the taking of water when the pool is below full capacity.
- (2) Sections 33 and 34 do not apply to the take of surface water in the following circumstances—
 - (a) for the following purposes under an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A, if no more than 20 kl/day or a lower amount specified by the Minister is taken—
 - (i) fruit and vegetable washing,
 - (ii) cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for hygiene purposes,
 - (iii) poultry watering and misting,
 - (iv) cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for hygiene purposes,
 - (b) for domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence if no more than 1 kl/day for each household supplied by the access licence is taken,
 - (c) from a runoff harvesting dam,
 - (d) under an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table B, Table C, or Table D,
 - (e) under an access licence in relation to an aquifer interference activity for which a planning approval is in force if—
 - (i) the licence holder complies with the water management plans, if any, required under the planning approval in relation to the aquifer interference activity, and
 - (ii) in the Minister's opinion, the licence holder is not reasonably capable of complying with the access rule concerned.
- (3) Section 34(1) does not apply to the take of surface water in the following circumstances—
 - (a) from an off-river pool in a water source or management zone to which that section applies,
 - (b) from an in-river dam pool formed by an in-river dam that is referred to in a water supply work approval,
 - (c) from an off-river dam pool in a water source or management zone to which that section applies.
- (4) Section 34(5) does not apply to the taking of water from an off-river pool, an off-river dam pool or an in-river dam pool.

Part 7 Construction and use of water supply works—the Act, s 21(b)

Note— An approval must not be granted in contravention of this Part—see the Act, section 95(3). An application to amend an approval relating to additional uses, works, activities or land must be assessed and determined in the same way as an application for a new approval, but only in relation to the additional uses, works, activities or land—see the Act, section 107(5). This does not affect works that can be constructed pursuant to a basic landholder right.

36 Application of Part

- (1) In this Part, a reference to a water supply work located within a specified distance includes a reference to a water supply work proposed to be located within a specified distance.
- (2) In this Part—

replacement water supply work means a water supply work that—

- (a) replaces an existing water supply work authorised by a water supply work approval (the replaced water supply work), and
- (b) is constructed and used to extract water from the same water source as the replaced water supply work, and
- (c) is, in the Minister's opinion, the same size or smaller than the replaced water supply work, and
- (d) is located within 20m of the replaced water supply work, or
- (e) is not located within 20m of the replaced water supply work and, in the Minister's opinion, is not likely to—
 - (i) result in a greater adverse impact than the replaced water supply work on the water source or public health and safety, or
 - (ii) adversely affect the ability of another person to take water using an existing water supply work.

37 In-river dams

- (1) An in-river dam must not be constructed on a third or higher order stream within the following water sources—
 - (a) Adelong Creek Water Source,
 - (b) Burrinjuck Dam Catchment Water Source,
 - (c) Goodradigbee Water Source,
 - (d) Lower Billabong Water Source,
 - (e) Lower Billabong Anabranch Water Source,
 - (f) Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Waldaira) Water Source,
 - (g) Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie) Water Source,
 - (h) Murrumbidgee I Water Source,
 - (i) Murrumbidgee II Water Source,
 - (i) Murrumbidgee III Water Source,
 - (k) Murrumbidgee Western Water Source,
 - (1) Queanbeyan Water Source,
 - (m) Tarcutta Creek Water Source, and

- (n) Upper Tumut Water Source.
- (2) This section does not apply to—
 - (a) a water supply work that replaces an existing water supply work where—
 - (i) the existing water supply work is authorised by a water supply work approval, and
 - (ii) the replacement surface water supply work is to be constructed to impound water from the same water source and the same location as the existing water supply work,
 - (b) a water supply work to be used for town water supply purposes.

38 Wetlands

- (1) A water supply work must not be constructed within the following areas unless, in the Minister's opinion, there will be no more than minimal harm to the wetland concerned—
 - (a) within 3km upstream of, or within, a declared Ramsar wetland,
 - (b) within a WSP prescribed wetland.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a replacement water supply work.

38A Additional prohibitions on construction of certain water supply works

- (1) A water supply work approval must not be granted or amended to authorise the construction and use of a water supply work which, in the Minister's opinion, is being used or is proposed to be used to take water from—
 - (a) a tributary of the Murrumbidgee River in the Murrumbidgee III Water Source, or
 - (b) an off-river pool.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a replacement water supply work

Part 8 Access licence dealing rules—the Act, s 20(1)(d)

Note— The access licence dealing principles established by the *Access Licence Dealing Principles Order 2004* prevail over the access licence dealing rules in this Part to the extent of an inconsistency.

39 Conversion of access licence to new category dealings

- (1) A dealing under the Act, section 71O, is prohibited unless the conversion is from—
 - (a) an unregulated river access licence to an unregulated river (high flow) access licence in the following water sources or management zone—
 - (i) Adjungbilly Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
 - (ii) Gilmore/Sandy Water Source,
 - (iii) Goobarragandra Water Source,
 - (iv) Goodradigbee Water Source,
 - (v) Hillas Water Source,
 - (vi) Murrumbidgee III Water Source.

Note— The Access Licence Dealing Principles Order 2004, clause 11 regulates dealings under the Act, section 710, including with respect to conversion factors.

40 Assignment of rights dealings

- (1) The following assignments of rights under the Act, section 71Q, are prohibited—
 - (a) an assignment to an access licence that nominates a water supply work on an offriver pool unless the assignment is from an access licence that nominates a water supply work on the same off-river pool.
- (2) An assignment of rights under the Act, section 71Q, is prohibited if it is an assignment to an access licence that nominates a water supply work—
 - (a) within, or within 3km upstream of, a declared Ramsar wetland, or
 - (b) within a WSP prescribed wetland,

unless the assignment is from an access licence that nominates a water supply work—

- (a) within, or within 3km upstream of, the same declared Ramsar wetland, or
- (b) within the same WSP prescribed wetland.
- (3) The following assignments of rights under the Act, section 71Q, within the same water source are prohibited—
 - (a) an assignment to an access licence with an extraction component specifying the Adjungbilly Creek Management Zone if it would cause the sum of share components of –
 - (i) access licences, except for unregulated river (high flow) access licences, with an extraction component specifying the management zone to exceed 159 or,
 - (ii) access licences with an extraction component specifying the management zone to exceed 700,
 - (b) an assignment to an access licence with an extraction component specifying the following management zones if it would cause the sum of the share components of access licences, except for high flow access licences, with an extraction component specifying the management zone to exceed –

- (i) in the Bombowlee Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source—155,
- (ii) in the Brungle Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source—186.
- (c) an assignment to an access licence with an extraction component specifying the following management zones—
 - (i) Killimicat Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
 - (ii) Oak Creek Management Zone of the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
- (d) an assignment from an access licence in the Murrumbidgee III Water Source that does not nominate a water supply work on a tributary of the Murrumbidgee River to an access licence that nominates a water supply work on a tributary of the Murrumbidgee River,
- (e) an assignment to an access licence in the Murrumbidgee Western Water Source that nominates a water supply work located on Pee Vee Creek or Lake Tala from an access licence that does not nominate a water supply work on Pee Vee Creek or Lake Tala,
- (f) an assignment to an access licence in the Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Weimby) Water Source that nominates a water supply work located on Five Mile Lagoon from an access licence that does not nominate a water supply work that is located on Five Mile Lagoon,
- (g) an assignment to an access licence in the following trading zones if it would cause the sum of the share components of access licences in that trading zone to exceed—
 - (i) in the Hindmarsh Creek Trading Zone—1,891,
 - (ii) in the Tarcutta Swamp Trading Zone—313.
- (4) The following assignments of rights under the Act, section 71Q, between water sources are prohibited:
 - (a) an assignment to an access licence in a different extraction management unit,
 - (b) an assignment from an access licence in a water source to which this Plan does not apply,
 - (c) an assignment to an access licence in the following water sources or management zones—
 - (i) Burrinjuck Dam Catchment Water Source,
 - (ii) Cotter Water Source,
 - (iii) Killimicat Creek Management Zone of the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
 - (iv) Lower Billabong Water Source,
 - (v) Lower Billabong Anabranch Water Source,
 - (vi) Murrumbidgee (Balranald to Weimby) Water Source,
 - (vii) Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Waldaira) Water Source,
 - (viii) Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie) Water Source,

- (ix) Murrumbidgee I Water Source,
- (x) Murrumbidgee II Water Source,
- (xi) Murrumbidgee North Water Source,
- (xii) Murrumbidgee Western Water Source,
- (xiii) Oak Creek Management Zone of the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
- (xiv) Queanbeyan Water Source,
- (xv) Tantangara Water Source,
- (xvi) Tarcutta Creek Water Source,
- (xvii) Ten Mile Water Source,
- (xviii) Upper Wangamong Water Source,
 - (xix) Yass Lower Water Source, and
 - (xx) Yass Upper Water Source,
- (d) an assignment to an access licence, other than a high flow access licence, in the following water sources
 - (i) Goodradigbee Water Source,
 - (ii) Hillas Water Source,
 - (iii) Murrumbidgee III Water Source,
- (e) an assignment to an access licence in the following water sources or with an extraction component specifying the following management zones if the assignment will cause the sum of the share components of access licences, except for high flow access licences, in the water source / management zone to exceed
 - (i) in the Adelong Creek Water Source —4,436,
 - (ii) in the Adjungbilly Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source —159,
 - (iii) in the Billabung Water Source —243,
 - (iv) in the Bombowlee Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source —155,
 - (v) in the Bredbo Water Source —230.5,
 - (vi) in the Brungle Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source —186,
 - (vii) in the Burkes/Bullenbung Water Source —700,
 - (viii) in the Burrumbuttock Water Source —95,
 - (ix) in the Gilmore/Sandy Water Source —5,026.85,
 - (x) in the Goobarragandra Water Source —1,939,
 - (xi) in the Houlaghans Water Source —22,
 - (xii) in the Jugiong Water Source —2,293.5,
 - (xiii) in the Kyeamba Water Source —398,
 - (xiv) in the Lake George Water Source —465,

- (xv) in the Middle Billabong Water Source —379,
- (xvi) in the Molonglo Water Source —479.5,
- (xvii) in the Mountain Water Source—17,
- (xviii) in the Muttama Water Source —837,
 - (xix) in the Numeralla East Water Source —4,310,
 - (xx) in the Numeralla West Water Source —346.5
- (xxi) in the Upper Billabong Water Source —2,145,
- (xxii) in the Upper Tumut Water Source —432
- (xxiii) in the Urana Water Source —584,
- (xxiv) in the Yarra Yarra Water Source —42,
- (f) an assignment to an access licence in the following water sources or with an extraction component specifying the following management zones, if the assignment will cause the sum of share components of access licences in the water source / management zone to exceed—
 - (i) in the Adjungbilly Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source —700,
 - (ii) in the Gilmore/Sandy Water Source —7,800,
 - (iii) in the Goobarragandra Water Source —4,200,
 - (iv) in the Goodradigbee Water Source —3,200,
 - (v) in the Hillas Water Source —3,100,
 - (vi) in the Murrumbidgee III Water Source —16,500.
- (g) an assignment to an access licence in the Hindmarsh Creek Trading Zone if it would cause the sum of the share components of access licences in that trading zone to exceed 1,891.

41 Amendment of share component dealings—change of water source

- (1) The following dealings under the Act, section 71R, are prohibited—
 - (a) the cancellation of an access licence to grant an access licence in a water source in a different extraction management unit,
 - (b) the cancellation of an access licence in a water source to which this Plan does not apply to grant an access licence in a water source to which this Plan applies,
 - (c) the cancellation of an access licence that does not nominate a water supply work located on an off-river pool to grant an access licence that nominates a water supply work located on an off-river pool,
 - (d) the cancellation of an access licence to grant an access licence in the following water sources or management zones—
 - (i) Burrinjuck Dam Catchment Water Source,
 - (ii) Cotter Water Source,
 - (iii) Killimicat Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
 - (iv) Lower Billabong Water Source,

- (v) Lower Billabong Anabranch Water Source,
- (vi) Murrumbidgee I Water Source,
- (vii) Murrumbidgee II Water Source,
- (viii) Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie) Water Source,
- (ix) Murrumbidgee (Balranald to Weimby) Water Source,
- (x) Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Waldaira) Water Source,
- (xi) Murrumbidgee North Water Source,
- (xii) Murrumbidgee Western Water Source,
- (xiii) Oak Creek Management Zone of the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
- (xiv) Queanbeyan Water Source,
- (xv) Tantangara Water Source,
- (xvi) Tarcutta Creek Water Source,
- (xvii) Ten Mile Water Source,
- (xviii) Upper Wangamong Water Source
 - (xix) Yass Lower Water Source,
 - (xx) Yass Upper Water Source,
- (e) the cancellation of an access licence to grant an access licence, other than a high flow access licence, in the following water sources
 - (i) Goodradigbee Water Source,
 - (ii) Hillas Water Source,
 - (iii) Murrumbidgee III Water Source,
- (f) the cancellation of an access licence to grant an access licence in the following water sources or with an extraction component specifying the following management zones if the granting of the licence will cause the sum of share components of access licences, except high flow access licences, in the water source or with an extraction component specifying the management zone to exceed—
 - (i) in the Adelong Creek Water Source—4,436,
 - (ii) in the Adjungbilly Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source —159,
 - (iii) in the Billabung Water Source—243,
 - (iv) in the Bombowlee Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source —155,
 - (v) in the Bredbo Water Source —230.5,
 - (vi) in the Brungle Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source —186,
 - (vii) in the Burkes/Bullenbung Water Source—700,
 - (viii) in the Burrumbuttock Water Source —95,
 - (ix) in the Gilmore/Sandy Water Source—5,026.85,

- (x) in the Goobarragandra Water Source—1,939,
- (xi) in the Houghlahans Water Source 22,
- (xii) in the Jugiong Water Source—2,293.5,
- (xiii) in the Kyeamba Water Source—398,
- (xiv) in the Lake George Water Source—465,
- (xv) in the Middle Billabong Water Source —379,
- (xvi) in the Molonglo Water Source 479.5,
- (xvii) in the Mountain Water Source—17,
- (xviii) in the Muttama Water Source —837,
- (xix) in the Numeralla East Water Source —4,310,
- (xx) in the Numeralla West Water Source —346.5,
- (xxi) in the Upper Billabong Water Source —2,145,
- (xxii) in the Upper Tumut Water Source—432,
- (xxiii) in the Urana Water Source—584,
- (xxiv) in the Yarra Yarra Water Source—42,
- (g) the cancellation of an access licence to grant an access licence in the following water sources or with an extraction component specifying the following management zone if the granting of the licence will cause the sum of share components of access licences in the water source or with an extraction component specifying the management zone to exceed—
 - (i) in the Adjungbilly Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source—700,
 - (ii) in the Gilmore/Sandy Water Source—7,800,
 - (iii) in the Goobarragandra Water Source—4,200,
 - (iv) in the Goodradigbee Water Source—3,200,
 - (v) in the Hillas Water Source—3,100,
 - (vi) in the Murrumbidgee III Water Source—16,500,
- (h) the cancellation of an access licence to grant an access licence in the Hindmarsh Creek Trading Zone trading zone if it would cause the sum of the share components of access licences that nominate water supply works in that trading zone to exceed 1,891.
- (2) The extraction component of a new access licence granted in accordance with the Act, section 71R, does not carry over the extraction component from the cancelled access licence.

42 Amendment of extraction component dealings

The following dealings under the Act, section 71S(1)(b), are prohibited—

- (a) the extraction component of an access licence being amended to nominate a water supply work on an off-river pool unless the access licence already nominates a water supply work on the same off-river pool,
- (b) the extraction component of an access licence being amended to specify an area or location being within, or within 3km upstream of, a declared Ramsar wetland as an

- area or location from which water may be taken under the licence, unless the extraction component of the access licence currently specifies an area or location being within, or within 3km upstream of, the same declared Ramsar wetland,
- (c) the extraction component of an access licence being amended to specify an area or location being within a WSP prescribed wetland as an area or location from which water may be taken under the licence, unless the extraction component of the access licence currently specifies an area or location being within the same WSP prescribed wetland,
- (d) the extraction component of an access licence being amended to specify the Killimicat Creek Management Zone or Oak Creek Management Zone within the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
- (e) the extraction component of an access licence being amended to specify the following management zones if the amendment would cause the sum of share components of access licences, except for high flow access licences, with an extraction component specifying the management zone to exceed—
 - (i) in the Adjungbilly Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source—159,
 - (ii) in the Bombowlee Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source—155,
 - (iii) in the Brungle Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source—186,
- (f) the extraction component of an access licence being amended to specify the following management zone if the assignment would cause the sum of share components of licences with an extraction component specifying the management zone to exceed—
 - (i) in the Adjungbilly Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source—700,
- (g) the extraction component of an access licence in the Murrumbidgee III Water Source that does not nominate a water supply work on a tributary of the Murrumbidgee River being amended to nominate a water supply work on a tributary of the Murrumbidgee River,
- (h) the extraction component of an access licence in the Murrumbidgee Western Water Source that does not nominate a water supply work located on Pee Vee Creek or Lake Tala being amended to nominate a water supply work on Pee Vee Creek or Lake Tala,
- (i) the extraction component of an access licence in the Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Weimby) Water Source that does not nominate a water supply work located on Five Mile Lagoon being amended to nominate a water supply work that is located on Five Mile Lagoon,
- (j) the extraction component of an access licence being amended to nominate a water supply work in the following trading zones if it would cause the sum of the share components of access licences that nominate water supply works in that trading zone to exceed—
 - (i) in the Hindmarsh Creek Trading Zone—1,891,
 - (ii) in the Tarcutta Swamp Trading Zone—313.

Note— The *Access Licence Dealing Principles Order 2004*, clause 16, regulates dealings under the Act, section 71S(1)(a).

43 Assignment of water allocations dealings

- (1) The following assignments of water allocations under the Act, section 71T, are prohibited—
 - (a) an assignment to an access licence that nominates a water supply work in an offriver pool unless the assignment is from an access licence that nominates a water supply work on the same off river pool,
 - (b) an assignment to an access licence that nominates a water supply work—
 - (i) within, or within 3km upstream of, a declared Ramsar wetland, or
 - (ii) within a WSP prescribed wetland,unless the assignment is from an access licence that nominates a water supply work—
 - (iii) within, or within 3km upstream of, the same declared Ramsar wetland, or
 - (iv) within the same WSP prescribed wetland.
- (2) The following assignments of rights under the Act, section 71T, within the same water source are prohibited—
 - (a) an assignment from an access licence in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source to an access licence with an extraction component specifying the Adjungbilly Creek Management Zone if it would cause the sum of the water allocations credited to the water allocation accounts of—
 - (i) access licences, except for high flow access licences, with an extraction component specifying the management zone to exceed 159 unit shares, or
 - (ii) access licences with an extraction component specifying the management zone to exceed 700 unit shares.
 - (b) an assignment from an access licence in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source, to an access licence with an extraction component specifying the following management zones if it would cause the sum of the water allocations credited to the water allocation accounts of access licences, except for high flow access licences, with an extraction component specifying the management zone to exceed—
 - (i) in the Bombowlee Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source —155 unit shares,
 - (ii) in the Brungle Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source —186 unit shares,
 - (c) an assignment from an access licence in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source to an access licence with an extraction component specifying the following management zones—
 - (i) Killimicat Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source.
 - (ii) Oak Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,

- (d) an assignment from an access licence in the Murrumbidgee III Water Source that does not nominate a water supply work on a tributary of the Murrumbidgee River to an access licence that nominates a water supply work on a tributary of the Murrumbidgee River,
- (e) an assignment to an access licence in the Murrumbidgee Western Water Source that nominates a water supply work located on Pee Vee Creek or Lake Tala from an access licence that does not nominate a water supply work on Pee Vee Creek or Lake Tala,
- (f) an assignment to an access licence in the Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Weimby) Water Source that nominates a water supply work located on Five Mile Lagoon from an access licence that does not nominate a water supply work on Five Mile Lagoon,
- (g) an assignment to an access licence that nominates a water supply work in the following trading zones if it would cause the sum of the water allocations credited to the water allocation accounts of access licences that nominate water supply works in that trading zone to exceed—
 - (i) in the Hindmarsh Creek Trading Zone—1,891,
 - (ii) in the Tarcutta Swamp Trading Zone—313.
- (3) The following assignments of rights under the Act, section 71T, between water sources are prohibited
 - (a) an assignment to an access licence in a different extraction management unit,
 - (b) an assignment from an access licence in a water source to which this Plan does not apply,
 - (c) an assignment to an access licence in the following water sources or management zones—
 - (i) Burrinjuck Dam Catchment Water Source,
 - (ii) Cotter Water Source,
 - (iii) Killimicat Creek Management Zone of the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
 - (iv) Lower Billabong Water Source,
 - (v) Lower Billabong Anabranch Water Source,
 - (vi) Murrumbidgee I Water Source,
 - (vii) Murrumbidgee II Water Source,
 - (viii) Murrumbidgee (Balranald to Weimby) Water Source,
 - (ix) Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie) Water Source,
 - (x) Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Waldaira) Water Source,
 - (xi) Murrumbidgee North Water Source,
 - (xii) Murrumbidgee Western Water Source,
 - (xiii) Oak Creek Management Zone of the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
 - (xiv) Queanbeyan Water Source,
 - (xv) Tantangara Water Source,

- (xvi) Tarcutta Creek Water Source,
- (xvii) Ten Mile Water Source,
- (xviii) Upper Wangamong Water Source,
 - (xix) Yass Lower Water Source,
 - (xx) Yass Upper Water Source,
- (d) an assignment to an access licence, other than a high flow access licence, in the following water sources
 - (i) Goodradigbee Water Source,
 - (ii) Hillas Water Source,
 - (iii) Murrumbidgee III Water Source,
- (e) an assignment to an access licence in following water sources or with an extraction component specifying the following management zones if the assignment will cause the sum of the water allocations credited to the water allocation accounts of access licences, except for high flow access licences, in the water source or with an extraction component specifying the management zone to exceed
 - (i) in the Adelong Creek Water Source—4,436,
 - (ii) in the Adjungbilly Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source—159,
 - (iii) in the Billabong Water Source—243,
 - (iv) in the Bombowlee Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source —155,
 - (v) in the Bredbo Water Source—230.5,
 - (vi) in the Brungle Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source—186,
 - (vii) in the Burkes/Bullenbung Water Source —700,
 - (viii) in the Burrumbuttock Water Source—95,
 - (ix) in the Gilmore/Sandy Water Source—5,026.85,
 - (x) in the Goobarragandra Water Source—1,939,
 - (xi) in the Houlaghans Water Source—22,
 - (xii) in the Jugiong Water Source—2,293.5,
 - (xiii) in the Kyeamba Water Source—398,
 - (xiv) in the Lake George Water Source—465,
 - (xv) in the Middle Billabong Water Source—379,
 - (xvi) in the Molonglo Water Source—479.5,
 - (xvii) in the Mountain Water Source –17,
 - (xviii) in the Muttama Water Source—837,
 - (xix) in the Numeralla East Water Source—4,310,
 - (xx) in the Numeralla West Water Source—346.5
 - (xxi) in the Upper Billabong Water Source 2,145,

- (xxii) in the Upper Tumut Water Source—432
- (xxiii) in the Urana Water Source—584,
- (xxiv) in the Yarra Yarra Water Source—42,
- (f) an assignment to an access licence in the following water sources or with an extraction component specifying the following management zones, if the assignment will cause the sum of the water allocations credited to the water allocation accounts of all access licences in the water source or with an extraction component specifying the management zone to exceed—
 - (i) in the Adjungbilly Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source—700,
 - (ii) in the Gilmore/Sandy Water Source—7,800,
 - (iii) in the Goobarragandra Water Source—4,200,
 - (iv) in the Goodradigbee Water Source—3,200,
 - (v) in the Hillas Water Source—3,100,
 - (vi) in the Murrumbidgee III Water Source—16,500.
- (g) an assignment to an access licence that nominates a water supply work in the Hindmarsh Creek Trading Zone if it would cause the sum of the water allocations credited to the water allocation accounts of access licences that nominate water supply works in the trading zone to exceed 1,891.

44 Interstate access licence transfer dealing

Dealings under the Act, section 71U, are prohibited.

45 Interstate assignment of water allocations dealings

Dealings under the Act, section 71V, are prohibited.

46 Nominations of water supply works dealings

The following dealings under the Act, section 71W, are prohibited—

- (a) an access licence being amended to nominate a water supply work located on an
 off-river pool unless the access licence already nominates a water supply work
 located on the same off-river pool,
- (b) an access licence being amended to nominate a water supply work located in a water source to which this Plan does not apply,
- (c) an access licence being amended to nominate a water supply work—
 - (i) within, or within 3km upstream of, a declared Ramsar wetland, or
 - (ii) within a WSP prescribed wetland,

unless the access licence being amended nominates a water supply work—

- (iii) within, or within 3km upstream of, the same declared Ramsar wetland, or
- (iv) within the same WSP prescribed wetland,

and, in the Minister's opinion there will be no more than minimal harm to the wetland concerned.

- (d) an access licence in the Murrumbidgee III Water Source, which does not nominate a water supply work on a tributary of the Murrumbidgee River, being amended to nominate a water supply work on a tributary of the Murrumbidgee River,
- (e) an access licence in the Murrumbidgee Western Water Source that does not nominate a water supply work located on Pee Vee Creek or Lake Tala being amended to nominate a water supply work on Pee Vee Creek or Lake Tala,
- (f) an access licence in the Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Weimby) Water Source that does not nominate a water supply work located on Five Mile Lagoon being amended to nominate a water supply work on Five Mile Lagoon,
- (g) an access licence being amended to nominate a water supply work located in following trading zones if it would cause the sum of the share components of access licences located in that trading zone to exceed—
 - (i) in the Hindmarsh Creek Trading Zone—1,891,
 - (ii) in the Tarcutta Swamp Trading Zone—313.

Note—The Access Licence Dealing Principles Order 2004, clause 20, and the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018, clause 12, regulate dealings under the Act, section 71W, including with respect to amending an access licence to nominate works in another water source or location.

Part 9 Mandatory conditions—the Act, s 17(c)

Division 1 General

47 Definitions

In this Part—

Logbook means a written record kept in hard copy or electronic form.

water account debit means a water allocation that is taken, assigned under the Act, section 71T or 71V, or otherwise debited or withdrawn from a water allocation account.

Division 2 Access licences

48 General conditions

- (1) Each access licence must be subject to the following mandatory conditions—
 - (a) the water taken under an access licence must not be more than the maximum water account debit permitted under section 29,
 - (b) the relevant access rules for the taking of water specified in Part 6, Division 4,
 - (c) unless otherwise specified, any written notice to be given to the Minister must be sent to the email address for enquiries specified on the Department's website,
 - (d) before water is taken under an access licence, the licence holder must confirm a cease-to-take condition does not apply,
 - (e) other conditions required to implement the provisions of this Plan, including a condition requiring compliance with section 49.

49 Record-keeping conditions

The licence holder must keep any information required to be recorded in a Logbook prior to application of the mandatory metering equipment condition for 5 years from the date to which that information relates.

Division 3 Water supply work approvals

50 General conditions

Each water supply work approval must be subject to the following mandatory conditions—

- (a) unless otherwise specified, any written notice required to be given to the Minister must be sent to the email address for enquiries specified on the Department's website,
- (b) if the water supply work is approved for the purpose of monitoring, an environmental remediation activity or emergency services—the work must be used only for that purpose,
- (c) before a water supply work is used to take water, the approval holder must confirm a cease-to-take condition does not apply,
- (d) other conditions required to implement the provisions of this Plan, including conditions requiring compliance with sections 51.

51 Record-keeping conditions

(1) This section does not apply to a water supply work approval if the work is used only for the purpose of taking water under basic landholder rights.

(2) The approval holder must keep any information required to be recorded in a Logbook prior to application of the mandatory metering equipment condition for 5 years from the date to which that information relates.



Part 10 Amendment of this Plan—the Act, s 17(d)

52 Amendments

- (1) This Plan may be amended as follows—
 - (a) to extend the application of this Plan to a water source or water management area, or to modify or remove a water source or water management area to which this Plan applies,
 - (b) to add, remove or modify a management zone, including the water sources to which a management zone applies and the boundaries of the zone,
 - (c) to add, remove or modify the access rules that apply to the take of water from inriver pools, off-river pools and in-river dam pools,
 - (d) to add or modify flow classes, flow reference points and surface water access rules in response to changes in water availability by amending Part 6, Divisions 2–4 and Schedule 1,
 - (e) subject to subsection 52(2), after Year 5 of this Plan, to add, modify or remove access rules for the following water sources or management zones, for the purpose of improving protection of water dependent ecosystems in the following water sources and management zones
 - (i) Bombowlee Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
 - (ii) Brungle Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
 - (iii) Kyeamba Water Source,
 - (iv) Oak Creek Management Zone in the Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle Water Source,
 - (v) Queanbeyan Water Source,
 - (vi) Umbango Management Zone in the Tarcutta Creek Water Source,
 - (vii) Westbrook Management Zone in the Tarcutta Creek Water Source and,
 - (viii) Yass Upper Water Source,
 - (f) to add, modify or remove access rules in the Murrumbidgee I Water Source or the Murrumbidgee II Water Source based on the following
 - (i) evidence of increased water usage, or
 - (ii) significant change to environmental water releases from Tantangara Dam, or
 - (iii) environmental objectives of the environmental water releases not being met.
 - (g) to add or modify provisions relating to the following—
 - (i) the interception of water before it reaches a stream or aquifer by plantations or other means,
 - (ii) the management of aquifer interference activities, including the granting of aquifer interference approvals,
 - (iii) stormwater harvesting,
 - (iv) total daily extraction limits,
 - (v) individual daily extraction components,

- (vi) floodplain harvesting (unregulated river) access licences,
- (h) to protect water-dependent Aboriginal cultural assets, including as follows—
 - (i) by identifying water-dependent Aboriginal cultural assets,
 - (ii) by establishing new flow classes or access rules,
 - (iii) by restricting the construction and use of water supply works,
 - (iv) by establishing new access licence dealing rules,
- (i) to give effect to, or in connection with, a determination of native title under the *Native Title Act 1993* of the Commonwealth,
- to establish a long-term average sustainable diversion limit that combines the longterm average sustainable diversion limit for the water sources and the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source,
- (k) to add, modify or remove a definition,
- (1) to modify Schedule 2 or 3 to add or remove an access licence,
- (m) to make amendments consequential on an amendment to the Act or regulations.
- (n) to provide for cross border dealings to give effect to any trading agreement entered into between the ACT and NSW.
- (2) Any amendment under subsection 52(1)(e) of this Plan, must only be made following a review of those access rules that was completed in the first 5 years of the plan. In carrying out this review, the Minister is to consider the following, among any other matters the Minister considers relevant—
 - (i) new information on gauge suitability or methods for managing extraction,
 - (ii) water requirements of relevant species,
 - (iii) water usage data (where available), and
 - (iv) associated cultural, social and economic implications of any changes to access rules,
- (3) This Plan may be amended to make consequential amendments necessary to give effect to an amendment authorised by subsection (1).

Schedule 1 Flow classes

Section 31

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Water source	Management zone	Flow class	Flow class threshold	Flow reference point
Adelong Creek		Very Low Flow Class	12 ML/day or less	Adelong Creek at Batlow Road gauge (410061)
		A Class	More than 12 ML/day	
Adjungbilly/	Adjungbilly			
Bombowlee/ Brungle	Creek	Very Low Flow Class	15 ML/day or less	Adjungbilly Creek at Darbalara (The Elms) gauge (410038)
		A Class	More than 15 ML/day but no more than 20 ML/day	
		B Class	More than 20 ML/day	
	Brungle Creek	Very Low Flow Class	No visible flow	Brungle Creek at the Gundagai- Tumut road bridge
		A Class	Visible flow	
	Bombowlee Creek	Very Low Flow Class	4 ML/day or less	Bombowlee Creek at Bombowlee gauge (410070)
	1	A Class	More than 4 ML/day	
	Killimicat Creek	Very Low Flow Class	1 ML/day or less	Killimicat Creek at Wyangle gauge (410114)
		A Class	More than 1 ML/day	
Billabung		Very Low Flow Class	Below or equal to 0.6 metres at the gauge	Billabung Creek at Nangus Road water quality station (41010705 "Billabong Creek at Nangus Road")
		A Class	Above 0.6 metres at the gauge	
Bredbo		Very Low Flow Class	No visible flow	Bredbo River at Monaro Highway road bridge
		A Class	Visible flow	
Gilmore/Sandy		Very Low Flow Class	10 ML/day or less	Gilmore Creek at Gilmore (Willows) gauge (410059)

		A Class	More than 10 ML/day but no more than 218 ML/day	
		B Class	More than 218 ML/day	
Goobarragandra		Very Low Flow Clas	63 ML/day or less	Goobarragandra River at Lacmalac gauge (410057)
		A Class	More than 63 ML/day but no more thanl 87 ML/day	
		B Class	More than 87 ML/day but no more than 118 ML/day	
		C Class	More than 118 ML/day	
Goodradigbee		Very Low Flow Class	45 ML/day or less	Goodradigbee River at Wee Jasper gauge (410024)
		A Class	More than 45 ML/day but no more than 78 ML/day	
		B Class	More than 78 ML/day but no more than 89 ML/day	
		C Class	More than 89 ML/day	
Hillas		Very Low Flow Class	8 ML/day or less	Hillas Creek at Mt Adrah gauge (410043)
	C	A Class	More than 8 ML/day but no more than 87 ML/day	
		B Class	More than 87 ML/day	
Jugiong	Demondrille Creek	Very Low Flow Class	No visible flow	Demondrille Creek at the Huntleigh Road crossing
		A Class	Visible flow	
	Currawong Creek	Very Low Flow Class	No visible flow	Currawong Creek at Neill Street crossing
		A Class	Visible flow	
Kyeamba		Very Low Flow Class	1 ML/day or less	Kyeamba Creek at Ladysmith gauge (410048)
		A Class	More than 1 ML/day	
Lower Billabong	Lower Billabong Creek	Very Low Flow Class	From 1 January to 30 June: Less than or equal to 80 ML/day on a rising river and less than or equal to 49 ML/day on a	Billabong Creek at Walbundrie gauge (410091)

		A Class	falling river. From 1 July to 31 December: Less than or equal to 66 ML/day on a rising river and less than or equal to 49 ML/day on a falling river From 1 January to 30 June: more than 80 ML/day on a rising river and more than 49 ML/day on a falling river. From 1 July to 31 December: more than 66 ML/day on a rising river and more than 49 ML/day on a rising river and more than 49 ML/day on a falling river and more than 49 ML/day on a falling rive	
	Nowranie Creek	Very Low Flow Class	Less than or equal to 66 ML/day on a rising river and less than or equal to 60 ML/day on a falling river	Billabong Creek at the Walbundrie gauge (410091)
		A Class	More than 66 ML/day on a rising river and more than 60 ML/day on a falling river	
Middle Billabong	Billabong Creek Upstream of Culcairn	Very Low Flow Class A Class	2 ML/day or less More than 2 ML/day	Billabong Creek at Aberfeldy gauge (410097)
	Billabong Creek Downstream of Culcairn	Very Low Flow Class	From 1 January to 30 June: Less than or equal to 80 ML/day on a rising river and less than or equal to 49 ML/day on a falling river. From 1 July to 31 December: Less than or equal to 66 ML/day on a rising river and less than or equal to 49 ML/day on a falling river	Billabong Creek at the Walbundrie gauge (410091) in the Lower Billabong Water Source
		A Class	From 1 January to 30 June: more than 80 ML/day on a rising river and more than 49 ML/day on a falling river. From 1 July to 31 December: more than 66 ML/day on a rising	

		river and more than 49 ML/day on a falling river	
Molonglo	Very Low Flow Class	1.6 ML/day or less	Molonglo River at Burbong gauge (410705)
	A Class	More than 1.6 ML/day	
Mountain	Very Low Flow Class	1 ML/day or less	Billabong Creek Downstream of Ten Mile and Mountain Creeks gauge (410186) in the Middle Billabong Water Source
	A Class	More than 1 ML/day	
Murrumbidgee I	Very Low Flow Class	Less than or equal to 33 ML/day	Murrumbidgee River at Mittagang
		or another amount as announced by the Minister, based on an assessment that flow without Tantangara releases would be less than 33 ML/d at the flow reference point.	Crossing gauge (410033)
	A Class	More than 33 ML/day or another amount as announced by the Minister, based on an assessment that flow without Tantangara releases would be less than 33 ML/day at the flow reference point	
Murrumbidgee II.	Very Low Flow Class	Less than or equal to 27 ML/day or another amount as announced by the Minister, based on an assessment that flow without Tantangara releases would be less than 27 ML/day at the flow reference point	Murrumbidgee River at Billilingra gauge (410050)
	A Class	More than 27 ML/day or another amount as announced by the Minister, based on an assessment that flow without Tantangara	

			releases would be less than 27 ML/day at the flow reference point.	
Murrumbidgee III		Very Low Flow Class	87 ML/day or less	Murrumbidgee River at Halls Crossing gauge (410777)
		A Class	More than 87 ML/day and less than or equal to 459 ML/day	
		B Class	More than 459 ML/day	
Numeralla East		Very Low Flow Class	6 ML/day or less	Numeralla River at Numeralla School gauge (410062)
		A Class	More than 6 ML/day	
Numeralla West	Bunyan	Very Low Flow Class	No visible flow	Cooma Creek at the Highway Bridge at
	Minister's Note— The flow classes for Bunyan Management Zone in the Numeralla West Water Source are being reviewed. The Very Low Flow Class may be amended to flows of 1 ML/day or less at Cooma Creek at Cooma No.2 (The Grange) gauge (410081). The department invites comment on this possibility.			Bunyan
		A Class	Visible flow	
	Cooma	Very Low Flow Class	1 ML/day or less	Cooma Creek at Cooma No. 2 (The Grange) gauge (410081)
		A Class	More than 1 ML/day	
Queanbeyan		Very Low Flow Class	1 ML/day or less	Queanbeyan at the ACT Border gauge (410770)
		A Class	More than 1 ML/day	
Tarcutta Creek	Borambola	Very Low Flow Class	20 ML/day or less	Tarcutta Creek at Old Borambola gauge (410047)

		A Class	More than 20 ML/day	
	Umbango	Very Low Flow Class	18 ML/day or less	Tarcutta Creek at Westbrook gauge (410058)
		A Class	More than 18 ML/day	
	Westbrook	Very Low Flow Class	18 ML/day or less	Tarcutta Creek at Westbrook gauge (410058)
		A Class	More than 18 ML/day	
Ten Mile		Very Low Flow Class	1 ML/day or less	Billabong Creek Downstream of Ten Mile and Mountain Creeks gauge (410186) in the Middle Billabong Water Source
		A Class	More than 1 ML/day	
Upper Billabong		Very Low Flow Class	2 ML/day or less	Billabong Creek at Aberfeldy gauge (410097)
		A Class	More than 2 ML/day	
Yarra Yarra		Very Low Flow Class	No visible flow	Yarra Yarra Creek at the Hume Highway road bridge
		A Class	Visible flow	
Yass Lower	(10	Very Low Flow Class	2 ML/day or less	Yass River at Upstream Burrinjuck Dam (Riverview) gauge (410176)
		A Class	More than 2 ML/day	
Yass Upper	Yass River Upstream of Gundaroo Gauge	Very Low Flow Class	1 ML/day or less	Yass River at Above Macks Reef Road gauge (410851)
		A Class	More than 1 ML/day	
	Yass River Downstream of Gundaroo Gauge	Very Low Flow Class	6 ML/day or less	Yass River at Gundaroo gauge (410090)
		A Class	More than 6 ML/day	

Schedule 2 Access licences exempt from specified access rules

sections 35(2)(a) and (d)

Table A—Access licences used to take surface water other than for town water supply purposes

Water Source	Management Zone	Access licence numbers
Adjungbilly/Bombowlee/Brungle	Brungle Creek	32699
Billabung		32730, 32735
Burrumbuttock		35473
Gilmore/Sandy		32760, 32769, 32780, 32774, 32785, 32794, 32795, 32798, 32802, 32803, 32809, 32813, 32816, 32817, 32818, 32821, 32825, 32845, 35268, 35288, 35296, 36122, 36124, 36135
Goobarragandra		32864
Jugiong	Currawong Creek	32963
Jugiong	Demondrille Creek	32958, 32968
Lower Billabong	Lower Billabong Creek	33086, 33087, 33440, 33434, 33435, 33436, 33444, 33446
Middle Billabong	Billabong Creek Upstream of Culcairn	33189
Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie)	Culcaliti	33209, 33253
Queanbeyan		33419
Urana		33432, 33443

Table B—Local water utility access licences and access licences of subcategory 'town water supply'

Water Source	Management Zone	Access licence numbers
Gilmore/Sandy		32801
Jugiong	Jugiong Tributaries	32979
Lower Billabong	Lower Billabong Creek	33068, 35489
Molonglo		36281
Murrumbidgee I		36133
Murrumbidgee II		33295
Upper Tumut		36125, 36136
Yass Lower		33531

Table C — Access licences that must not pump when the in-river pool is less than 50% of full capacity

Water Source	Management Zone	Access licence numbers
Bredbo		32736, 32737, 32739, 32740, 32741
Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie)		33221, 33238

Table D — Access licences that must not pump when the off-river pool is less than 80% of full capacity

[To be used from Year 6 of the Plan]

Schedule 3 Access licences and approvals subject to cease-totake condition of a former entitlement

sections 34(3), (4) and (6).

Access licence number(s) / water supply work approval number	Water Source	Cease-to-take condition
35294, 35307 / 40CA414255	Murrumbidgee Western	The pump shall not be used for the purpose of irrigation when the level of water stored by the regulator authorised under licence number 40WA412865 is less than 0.26 m above the sill of the regulator.
		The pump shall not be used for the purpose of irrigation when the level of water stored by the regulator authorised under licence number 40WA412877 is less than 0.77 metres above the sill of the regulator.
35285, 35312 / 40CA414258	Murrumbidgee Western	The pump shall not be used for the purpose of irrigation when the level of water stored by the regulator authorised under licence number 40WA412865 is less than 0.26 m above the sill of the regulator.
33319 / 40CA412882	Murrumbidgee Western	The pump shall not be used for the purpose of irrigation when the level of water stored by the regulator authorised under licence number 40WA412877 is less than 0.77 metres above the sill of the regulator.
33579 / 40CA414052 40WA414040, 40WA414041, 40WA414044, 40WA414045	Yass Upper	The licensed work shall not be used for the purpose of irrigation unless flows in the Yass River are at or greater than a height of 0.66 m on the Macks Reef road gauge (410851) being a flow of 4 ML/day.

33224 / 40WA413586 33226 / 40CA413607 33240 / 40CA413641 33241 / 40CA413646 33246 / 40CA413610 33248 / 40CA413613 33250 / 40CA413621 33252 / 40CA413638 33257 / 40CA413638 33258 / 40CA413635 40995, 40996 / 40CA416716	Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie)	When the flow in Sandy Creek is not being augmented from Old Man Creek, water must not be taken unless there is a visible flow in Poisoned Water Holes at the Newell Highway Crossing.
35346, 35357 / 40CA414851	Muttama	The 300 mm pump referred to in this licence shall not be used for the purpose of irrigation or for filling a storage for the purposes of irrigation unless the depth of water flowing through the road crossing over Muttama Creek near the western boundary of Lot 104 DP753603, Parish of Cowcumbla, County of Harden is greater than 300 mm. The 100 mm pump referred to in this licence shall not be used for the purpose of irrigation or for filling a storage for the purposes of irrigation unless the depth of water flowing through the road crossing over Muttama Creek near the western boundary of Portion 104, Parish of Cowcumbla, County of Harden is greater than 25 mm measured at the upstream side of the crossing.
35323 / 40CA414841	Muttama	Water must not be taken when there is no visible flow in Muttama Creek at or near the concrete bridge on the road leading to Muttama Railway Station and located approximately 1320 m downstream on the southwestern corner of portion 189, Parish of Mooney Mooney, County of Harden.
35353 / 40CA414859 35360 / 40CA414846 35373 / 40CA414854 35382 / 40CA414865 35400 / 40CA414861 35409 / 40CA414873 35415 / 40CA414865	Muttama	Water must not be taken when there is no visible flow in Muttama Creek at or near the bridge on the Hume Highway near the north-eastern corner of Portion 74, Parish of Coolac, County of Harden.

35361 / 40CA414848	Muttama	Water must not be taken when there is no visible flow in Muttama Creek through the road crossing at the western boundary of Portion 104, Parish of Cowcumbala, County of Harden.
35401 / 40CA414875 35405 / 40CA414869	Muttama	Water must not be taken when there is no visible flow in Muttama Creek through the road crossing at the southeastern corner of Portion 70, Parish of Bongongalong, County of Harden.
35273, 35317 / 40CA414650 33338 / 40CA412947 33356 / 40CA413037	Numeralla East	The licensed work shall not be used for the purpose of irrigation unless the discharge in the Numeralla River exceeds 9 ML/day at the Rose Valley Crossing with such discharge corresponding to a height of 0.32 m on a gauge established immediately upstream of the crossing.
33342 / 40CA412952	Numeralla East	The Licensed work shall not be used for the purpose of irrigation unless the discharge in the Numeralla River is in excess of 6 ML/day at the Rose Valley Crossing with such discharge corresponding to a height of 0.32 m on a gauge established immediately upstream of the crossing.
33373 / 40CA412989	Numeralla East	The licensed work shall not be used for the purpose of irrigation unless the flow of the Murrumbidgee River at the Billilingra gauge (upstream of Bredbo) exceeds 15 ML/day with such flow corresponding to a reading on the said gauge of 0.58 m (or such reading as may be determined from time to time).

Table B - Off-river pools or off-river dam pools

Off-river pool or off-river dam pool Currawananna Lagoon	Water Source Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie)
Euwarderry Lagoon	Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Waldaira)
Goobbagumbalin Lagoon	Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie)

Gooragool Lagoon Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Waldaira)

Lake Tala Murrumbidgee Western

Mantangry Lagoon Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Waldaira)

MIA National Park Lagoon Murrumbidgee (Gogeldrie to Waldaira)

Mundowy Lagoon Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie)

Sandy Creek Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie)

Yanga Creek Murrumbidgee Western
Yanga Lagoon Murrumbidgee Western

Table C - pools, lagoons and lakes

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Pool, lagoon or lake Currawananna Lagoon	Water Source Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjfuck to Gogeldrie)	Access rule Water must not be taken from Currawananna Lagoon when the volume of water in the lagoon falls below the level on the marker post, as determined by the Minister, located within TS&CR 59613 near the north eastern corner of Lot 122 DP 750832, Parish of Currawananna, County of Burke.
Flowerdale Lagoon	Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie)	Water must not be taken when the water level of Flowerdale Lagoon is more than 1.61 m below the bench mark established on a large gum tree immediately downstream of the pump site.
Goonerah Lagoon	Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie)	Water must not be taken when the water level of Goonerah Lagoon is more than 3.28 m below the bench mark established on a gum tree on the right bank of Goonerah Lagoon within Portion 120, Parish of Yarabee, County of Mitchell.
Mundowy Lagoon	Murrumbidgee Central (Burrinjuck to Gogeldrie)	Water must not be taken from Mundowey Lagoon when the earthen block in the downstream entrance to Mundowey Lagoon is at a height lower than 1.58 m below the bench mark established on a gum tree on the right bank of Mundowey Lagoon.
Yanga Lake	Murrumbidgee Western	The pump shall not be used for the purpose of irrigation when

the level of water stored by the regulator authorised under licence number 40WA412865 is less than 0.26 m above the sill of the regulator.

Schedule 4 Dictionary

Section 6

3-year average extraction—see section 18.

annual extraction—see section 18.

average annual extraction—see section 18.

Basin Plan—see section 18.

cease-to-take condition means a term or condition of an access licence or a water supply work approval that prohibits the take of water in a particular circumstance.

declared Ramsar wetland has the same meaning as in the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 of the Commonwealth.

extraction management unit means an extraction management unit established under section 5.

flood-runner means a stream or part of a stream that only flows during a flood.

former entitlement has the same meaning as in the Act, Schedule 10, clause 2.

full capacity means the volume of water impounded in a pool, lagoon or lake when the pool, lagoon or lake is at the level when a visible flow out of the pool, lagoon or lake would stop.

in-river dam means a dam located in a river.

in-river dam pool means the water impounded by an in-river dam, but does not include water in an in-river pool.

in-river pool means a natural pool, lagoon or lake within a river or stream, but does not include—

- (a) a pool on a flood-runner or floodplain, or
- (b) a pool on an effluent that only begins to flow during high flows.

kl/day means kilolitres per day.

Logbook—see section 47.

LTAAEL—see section 18.

mandatory metering equipment condition has the same meaning as in the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018, clause 228.

ML/day means megalitres per day.

ML/unit share means megalitres per unit share.

ML/year means megalitres per year.

natural capacity means the original capacity of the unmodified off-river pool.

off-river dam pool means a modified off-river pool.

off-river pool means a natural pool, lagoon or lake that is not within a river or stream, regardless of stream size, and located on—

- (a) a flood-runner or floodplain, or
- (b) an effluent that only begins to flow during high flows.

Plan Map means the Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Unregulated River Water Sources 2025 Plan Map (WSP023 Version 4)

Note— The Plan Map is available on the Department's website.

planning approval means—

- (a) a development consent under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Part 4,
- (b) a State significant infrastructure approval under that Act, Part 5.2, or
- (c) a transitional Part 3A project approval under that Act, Schedule 6A.

Note— The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Schedule 6A has been transferred to the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Savings, Transitional and Other Provisions) Regulation 2017.

plantation forestry—see section 18.

reduced available water determination—see section 18.

runoff harvesting dam means a dam on a hillside or minor stream which collects and stores rainfall runoff.

Note— Minor stream is defined in the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018*, clause 3. *SDL*—see section 18.

Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Unregulated River Water Sources 2025 [NSW] Schedule 4 Dictionary

surface water means all water naturally occurring on the surface of the land, including all rivers, lakes and wetlands, within the boundaries of the water sources shown on the Plan Map.

the Act means the Water Management Act 2000.

the water sources—see section 3.

third or higher order stream means a stream identified as a third or higher order stream, as determined in accordance with the system set out in the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018*, Schedule 2.

visible flow means the continuous perceptible downstream movement of water.

water account debit—see section 47.

water year means a period of 1 year commencing on 1 July.

WSP prescribed wetland means a wetland shown on the WSP Prescribed Wetlands Map.

WSP Prescribed Wetlands Map means the Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Unregulated River Water Sources 2025 WSP Prescribed Map (WET012 Version 1)

Note— The WSP Prescribed Wetlands Map is available on the Department's website.