



New South Wales

Available Water Determination Order for Regulated River Water Sources 2025

under the

Water Management Act 2000

I, Ashraf El-Sherbini, having delegated authority in pursuance of section 59(1)(a) of the *Water Management Act 2000*, make the following Order.

Dated this 19 day of June 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. EL-SHERBINI".

ASHRAF EL-SHERBINI

Executive Director, Water Operations and Resilience

NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water - Water Group
(by delegation)

Explanatory note

This Order is made under section 59(1)(a) of the *Water Management Act 2000*. The object of this Order is to make an available water determination for various categories and subcategories of access licences in the water sources identified in Schedule 1.

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1 Name of Order

This Order is the *Available Water Determination Order for the Regulated River Water Sources 2025*.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on 1 July 2025.

3 Available water determination

This Order determines the availability of water in relation to regulated rivers in each water source specified in Schedule 1, for each category of access licences specified in Schedule 2, except as otherwise provided for in Schedule 3.

4 References to percentages and ML / unit share

In this Order:

- (a) in relation to licences with share components specified as megalitres per year (ML/year), a reference to megalitres per unit of share component (if any) is taken to be a reference to a percentage of the share component, where 1 ML per unit of share component is taken to equal 100% of the share component, and
- (b) in relation to licences with share components specified as a number of unit shares, a reference to a percentage of the share component (if any) is taken to be a reference to megalitres per unit of share component, where 100% of the share component is taken to equal 1 ML per unit of share component.

Note: Water sharing plans generally require available water determinations to be expressed as:

- (a) a percentage of the share component for access licences where share components are specified as ML/year, or
- (b) megalitres per unit of share component for access licences where share components are specified as a number of unit shares.

Schedule 1 Water sources

This order applies to each regulated river water source referred to in the following water sharing plans:

1. Water Sharing Plan for the Bega River Area Regulated, Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2024
2. Water Sharing Plan for the Belubula Regulated River Water Source 2025, or if that plan has not commenced by 1 July 2025, Water Sharing Plan for the Belubula Regulated River Water Source 2012
3. Water Sharing Plan for the Gwydir Regulated River Water Source 2016
4. Water Sharing Plan for the Hunter Regulated River Water Source 2016
5. Water Sharing Plan for the Lachlan Regulated River Water Source 2016
6. Water Sharing Plan for the Macquarie and Cudgegong Regulated Rivers Water Source 2016
7. Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2016
8. Water Sharing Plan for the New South Wales Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Water Sources 2016
9. Water Sharing Plan for the NSW Border Rivers Regulated River Water Source 2021
10. Water Sharing Plan for the Paterson Regulated River Water Source 2019
11. Water Sharing Plan for the Peel Regulated River Water Source 2022
12. Water Sharing Plan for the Richmond River Area Unregulated, Regulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2023
13. Water Sharing Plan for the Upper Namoi and Lower Namoi Regulated River Water Sources 2016

Schedule 2 General determination for categories of access licence

Subject to Schedule 3, each amount specified in Column 2 applies to the adjacent category of access licence specified in Column 1.

Note: An available water determination made in relation to a particular category of access licence applies to all subcategories of that category, except to the extent to which this order provides otherwise, in accordance with section 59(1)(a) of the *Water Management Act 2000*.

	COLUMN 1 Category of access licence	COLUMN 2 Percentage of share component, or megalitres (ML) per unit of share component
1	Domestic and stock	100%
2	Local water utility	100%
3	Major utility	100%
4	Supplementary water	1 ML/unit share
5	Floodplain harvesting (regulated river)	1 ML/unit share
6	Regulated river (general security)	0.0 ML/unit share
7	Regulated river (general security – A class)	0.30 ML/unit share
8	Regulated river (general security – B class)	0.0 ML/unit share
9	Murrumbidgee irrigation (conveyance)	0.6274 ML/unit share
10	Coleambally irrigation (conveyance)	0.8585 ML/unit share
11	Regulated river (high security)	1 ML/unit share or 100% of share component
12	Regulated river (conveyance)	1 ML/unit share

Schedule 3 Specific determination for categories of access licences

Each amount specified in Column 4 applies to the access licences specified in Column 3 whose share component specifies the water source specified in Column 2, as defined by the water sharing plan specified in Column 1.

	Column 1 Applicable Water Sharing Plan	Column 2 Water Source	Column 3 Access licence categories	Column 4 Percentage of share component, or megalitres (ML) per unit of share component
1	Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2016	Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source	Regulated river (high security), excluding subcategories of town water supply, research, community and education, environmental, Aboriginal cultural.	0.95 ML/unit share
2	Water Sharing Plan for the New South Wales Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Water Sources 2016	New South Wales Murray Regulated River Water Source	Regulated river (high security), excluding subcategories of town water supply, research, community and education.	0.97 ML/unit share
3	Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2016	Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source	Regulated river (conveyance)	0.04 ML/unit share
4	Water Sharing Plan for the New South Wales Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Water Sources 2016	New South Wales Murray Regulated River Water Source	Regulated river (conveyance)	0.5039 ML/unit share
5	Water Sharing Plan for the New South Wales Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Water Sources 2016	New South Wales Murray Regulated River Water Source	Regulated river (general security)	0.01 ML/unit share
6	Water Sharing Plan for the New South Wales Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Water Sources 2016	Lower-Darling Regulated River Water Source	Regulated river (general security)	1 ML/unit share
7	Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2016	Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source	Regulated river (general security)	0.04 ML/unit share
8	Water Sharing Plan for the Peel Regulated River Water Source 2022	Peel Regulated River Water Source	Regulated river (general security)	1 ML/unit share
9	Water Sharing Plan for the Upper Namoi and Lower Namoi Regulated River Water Sources 2016	Upper Namoi Regulated River Water Source	Regulated river (general security)	1 ML/unit share
10	Water Sharing Plan for the Hunter Regulated River Water Source 2016	Hunter Regulated River Water Source	Regulated river (general security)	1 ML/unit share
11	Water Sharing Plan for the Bega River Area Regulated, Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2024	Bega and Brogo Regulated Rivers Water Source	Regulated river (general security)	0.40 ML/unit share

12	Water Sharing Plan for the Richmond River Area Unregulated, Regulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2023	Richmond Regulated Water Source	Regulated river (general security)	1 ML/unit share
13	Water Sharing Plan for the Paterson Regulated River Water Source 2019	Paterson Regulated River Water Source	Regulated river (general security)	1 ML/unit share
14	Water Sharing Plan for the Upper Namoi and Lower Namoi Regulated River Water Sources 2016	Lower Namoi Regulated River Water Source	Supplementary water	0.37 ML/unit share