



Available Water Determination Order for Unregulated 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 Unregulated 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 unregulated 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 unregulated river water source to which the following water sharing plans apply:

1. Water Sharing Plan for the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River Water Source 2025, or if that plan has not commenced by 1 July 2025, Water Sharing Plan for the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River Water Source 2012
2. Water Sharing Plan for the Bega River Area Regulated, Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2024
3. Water Sharing Plan for the Bellinger River Area Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2020
4. Water Sharing Plan for the Brunswick Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2016
5. Water Sharing Plan for the Castlereagh Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
6. Water Sharing Plan for the Central Coast Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2022
7. Water Sharing Plan for the Clarence River Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2016
8. Water Sharing Plan for the Clyde River Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2016
9. Water Sharing Plan for the Coffs Harbour Area Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2022
10. Water Sharing Plan for the Deua River Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2016
11. Water Sharing Plan for the Greater Metropolitan Region Unregulated River Water Sources 2023
12. Water Sharing Plan for the Gwydir Unregulated River Water Sources 2025, or if that plan has not commenced by 1 July 2025, Water Sharing Plan for the Gwydir Unregulated River Water Sources 2012
13. Water Sharing Plan for the Hastings Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2019
14. Water Sharing Plan for the Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2022
15. Water Sharing Plan for the Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
16. Water Sharing Plan for the Lachlan Unregulated River Water Sources 2025, or if that plan has not commenced by 1 July 2025, Water Sharing Plan for the Lachlan Unregulated River Water Sources 2012
17. Water Sharing Plan for the Lower Murray-Darling Unregulated River Water Source 2024
18. Water Sharing Plan for the Lower North Coast Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2022
19. Water Sharing Plan for the Macleay Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2016
20. Water Sharing Plan for the Macquarie Bogan Unregulated Rivers Water Sources 2025, or if that plan has not commenced by 1 July 2025, Water Sharing Plan for the Water Sharing Plan for the Macquarie Bogan Unregulated Rivers Water Sources 2012
21. Water Sharing Plan for the Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
22. Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Unregulated River Water Sources 2025, or if that plan has not commenced by 1 July 2025, Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Unregulated River Water Sources 2012
23. Water Sharing Plan for the Nambucca Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2016
24. Water Sharing Plan for the Namoi and Peel Unregulated Rivers Water Sources 2025, or if that plan has not commenced by 1 July 2025, Water Sharing Plan for the Namoi and Peel Unregulated Rivers Water Sources 2012
25. Water Sharing Plan for the North Western Unregulated and Fractured Rock Water Sources 2024
26. Water Sharing Plan for the NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
27. Water Sharing Plan for the Richmond River Area Unregulated, Regulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2023
28. Water Sharing Plan for the Snowy Genoa Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2016
29. Water Sharing Plan for the Towamba River Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2023
30. Water Sharing Plan for the Tuross River Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2016
31. Water Sharing Plan for the Tweed River Area Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2023

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 (1A) 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% of share component
2.	Domestic and stock (domestic)	100% of share component
3.	Domestic and stock (stock)	100% of share component
4.	Local water utility	100% of share component
5.	Major utility	100% of share component
6.	Unregulated river	1.0 ML/unit share or 100% of share component
7.	Unregulated river (A Class)	1.0 ML/unit share
8.	Unregulated river (B Class)	1.0 ML/unit share
9.	Unregulated river (C Class)	1.0 ML/unit share
10.	Unregulated river (high flow)	1.0 ML/unit share
11.	Unregulated river (special additional high flow)	1.0 ML/unit share
12.	Unregulated river (regulated supply)	100% of share component
13.	Unregulated river (regulated supply - local water utility)	100% of share component
14.	Floodplain harvesting (unregulated river)	1.0 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 Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2022	Hunter River Tidal Pool Water Source	Unregulated river	0.75 ML/unit share
2	Water Sharing Plan for the Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2022	Paterson River Tidal Pool Water Source	Unregulated river	0.75 ML/unit share
3	Water Sharing Plan for the Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2022	Wallis Creek Tidal Pool Water Source	Unregulated river	0.75 ML/unit share