

# Rule Summary Sheet for the Culgoa River Water Source

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### Plan details

<b>Water sharing plan:</b>	Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
<b>Plan commencement:</b>	1 July 2024
<b>Term of plan:</b>	10 years
<b>Application:</b>	These rules apply to all surface water within the boundaries of this water source.

### Important

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## Rules

### Managing access licences

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Water is credited to an account by an available water determination or if water is traded in (purchased) during the year from other licence holders.

Water is debited from the account when water is extracted from a water source or traded out (sold). Total extraction from a work (pump, bore, etc.) will be measured via metering or logbooks.

### Carryover and individual account limits

For the accounts of all categories of licence held in the water source – carryover of water remaining in an account at the end of each water year is permitted up to 1ML per unit share or 100 % of the share component (where expressed in ML).

For the accounts of all categories of licence held in the water source - the maximum water account debit in any 3 consecutive water years is the volume of water allocated to the account over those 3 years from available water determinations plus any adjustments made for allocation assignments (trades) or water allocation re-credited into the account.

### Non-Urban Water Metering Framework

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## Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water

Type	Rules
<b>Cease to take</b>	Take of water is not permitted when there is no visible flow at the extraction (pump) site.
<b>Take from in-river pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
<b>Take from in-river dam pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
<b>Take from off-river pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 2. Exemptions from surface water access rules

Type	Rules
<b>Health and hygiene</b>	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 20kl/day for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fruit and vegetable washing</li> <li>• cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene</li> <li>• poultry watering and misting</li> <li>• cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.</li> </ul>
<b>Domestic use</b>	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1kl/day.
<b>Harvestable rights</b>	From a run-off harvesting dam.
<b>Local Water Utility</b>	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table B of the plan.

Type	Rules
<b>Aquifer interference activities</b>	<p>Access rules do not apply to the take of surface water under an access licence for which a planning approval is in force if:</p> <p>the licence holder complies with an approved water management plan, and</p> <p>in the Minister’s opinion, the licence holder is not reasonably capable of complying with the access rules.</p>

## Water supply works approvals

Water supply work approvals allow you to construct and use a work which takes water from a river, lake or aquifer. Examples of water supply works are water pumps, water bores, spearpoints, dams, weirs, irrigation channels, banks and levees. Approvals are granted through WaterNSW to construct and operate water supply works. Every approval includes conditions that are in place to reduce adverse impacts. For more information, please visit the [WaterNSW works approvals](#) website.

Table 3. Rules for constructing water supply works\*

Type	Rules
<b>In-river dams</b>	<p>Not permitted.</p> <p>This rule does not apply to replacement works or applications for works used for the purpose of town water supply.</p>
<b>All surface water works</b>	<p>Not permitted within 3 km upstream of, or within, a Ramsar listed wetland and within a significant wetland identified on the Significant Wetlands Map of the Plan unless, in the opinion of the Minister, there will be no more than minimal harm to the wetland concerned.</p> <p>This rule does not apply to replacement works.</p>

\*Note: Significant Wetlands Map on Department’s [website](#)

## Trading

Trading covers assignment of rights dealings (trading of a licence), share component dealings (trading of entitlement), water allocation dealings (trading an annual allocation) and water supply works dealings (relocation of an extraction point).

Table 4. Rules for trading into or within this water source

Type	Rules
Into water source	Not permitted
Within water source	Permitted, subject to assessment
Interstate trade	Not permitted
Into Ramsar or significant wetlands	Not permitted into or within 3 km upstream of a Ramsar-listed wetland and into a significant wetland identified on the Significant Wetlands Map of the Plan.
Within Ramsar or significant wetlands	Permitted, subject to assessment.

## Granting new licences

There are limited purposes for which a new licence will be granted. It is anticipated that most water needs will be sourced from the market. One reason a licence may be granted is for Aboriginal cultural purposes. Other reasons are identified in Section 10 of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018*.

Table 5. Rules for granting access licences

Type	Rules
Aboriginal cultural access licence	Permitted up to 10ML/year for personal, domestic or communal purposes.

## More information

More information about the planning process and the *Water Sharing Plan for the Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sources 2024* is available on the [water sharing plan pages](#) of the department's website.

# Rule Summary Sheet for the Moonie River Water Source

## Rule Summary Sheet 2 of 6

### Plan details

Water sharing plan:	Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Application:	These rules apply to all surface water within the boundaries of this water source.

### Important

This fact sheet summarises the rules contained in the Water Sharing Plan for the Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Moonie River Water Source. It is intended as a guide only. Consult the [water sharing plan](#) for further details on this water source or other areas covered by this plan. Alternatively, contact the department on 1300 081 047, or via email at [water.enquiries@dcceew.nsw.gov.au](mailto:water.enquiries@dcceew.nsw.gov.au)

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## Rules

### Managing access licences

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Water is credited to an account by an available water determination or if water is traded in (purchased) during the year from other licence holders.

Water is debited from the account when water is extracted from a water source or traded out (sold). Total extraction from a work (pump, bore, etc.) will be measured via metering or logbooks.

### Carryover and individual account limits

For the accounts of all categories of licence held in the water source – carryover of water remaining in an account at the end of each water year is permitted up to 1ML per unit share or 100 % of the share component (where expressed in ML).

For the accounts of all categories of licence held in the water source - the maximum water account debit in any 3 consecutive water years is the volume of water allocated to the account over those 3 years from available water determinations plus any adjustments made for allocation assignments (trades) or water allocation re-credited into the account.

### Non-Urban Water Metering Framework

The NSW Government's [non-urban water metering framework](#), initiated in December 2018, aims to ensure the fair and equitable sharing of water among users, enhancing transparency and efficiency in water management across the state. The framework's implementation was staged to allow water users, suppliers, and installers sufficient time to achieve compliance. The NSW Government has recently completed a review of the non-urban metering rules and has updated the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018* to make compliance quicker, easier and more cost effective.

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## Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water

Type	Rules
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<b>Take from in-river pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
<b>Take from in-river dam pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
<b>Take from off-river pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 2. Exemptions from surface water access rules

Type	Rules
<b>Health and hygiene</b>	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 20kl/day for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fruit and vegetable washing</li> <li>• cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene</li> <li>• poultry watering and misting</li> <li>• cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.</li> </ul>
<b>Domestic use</b>	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1kl/day.
<b>Harvestable rights</b>	From a run-off harvesting dam.
<b>Local Water Utility</b>	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table B of the plan.

Type	Rules
<b>Aquifer interference activities</b>	<p>Access rules do not apply to the take of surface water under an access licence for which a planning approval is in force if:</p> <p>the licence holder complies with an approved water management plan, and</p> <p>in the Minister’s opinion, the licence holder is not reasonably capable of complying with the access rules.</p>

## Water supply works approvals

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Table 3. Rules for constructing water supply works

Type	Rules
<b>In-river dams</b>	<p>Not Permitted.</p> <p>This rule does not apply to replacement works or applications for works used for the purpose of town water supply.</p>
<b>All surface water works</b>	<p>Not permitted within 3 km upstream of, or within, a Ramsar listed wetland and within a significant wetland identified on the Significant Wetlands Map of the Plan unless, in the opinion of the Minister, there will be no more than minimal harm to the wetland concerned.</p> <p>This rule does not apply to replacement works.</p>

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## Trading

Trading covers assignment of rights dealings (trading of a licence), share component dealings (trading of entitlement), water allocation dealings (trading an annual allocation) and water supply works dealings (relocation of an extraction point).

Table 4. Rules for trading into or within this water source

Type	Rules
Into water source	Not permitted
Within water source	Permitted, subject to assessment
Interstate trade	Not permitted
Into Ramsar or significant wetlands	Not permitted into or within 3 km upstream of a Ramsar-listed wetland and into a significant wetland identified on the Significant Wetlands Map of the Plan.
Within Ramsar or significant wetlands	Permitted, subject to assessment.

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## Granting new licences

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Table 5. Rules for granting access licences

Type	Rules
Aboriginal cultural access licence	Permitted up to 10ML/year for personal, domestic or communal purposes.

## More information

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# Rule Summary Sheet for the Narran River Water Source

## Rule Summary Sheet 3 of 6

### Plan details

Water sharing plan:	Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Application:	These rules apply to all surface water within the boundaries of this water source.

### Important

This fact sheet summarises the rules contained in the Water Sharing Plan for the Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Narran River Water Source. It is intended as a guide only. Consult the [water sharing plan](#) for further details on this water source or other areas covered by this plan. Alternatively, contact the department on 1300 081 047, or via email at [water.enquiries@dcceew.nsw.gov.au](mailto:water.enquiries@dcceew.nsw.gov.au)

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## Rules

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### Carryover and individual account limits

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## Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water in the Narran River - Management Zone 1

Type	Rules
<b>Cease to take</b>	The take of water is not permitted when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• there is no visible flow at the extraction (pump) site, or</li> <li>• flows at the reference point are less than or equal to 170 ML/day.</li> </ul>
<b>Flow reference point</b>	New Angledool No. 2 gauge (422030). For flow data at the reference gauge, go to: <a href="https://realtimedata.waternsw.com.au">https://realtimedata.waternsw.com.au</a>
<b>Take from in-river pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
<b>Take from in-river dam pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
<b>Take from off-river pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 2. Access rules for taking surface water in the Narran River - Management Zone 2

Type	Rules
<b>Cease to take</b>	The take of water is not permitted when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• there is no visible flow at the extraction (pump) site, or</li> <li>• flows at the reference point are less than or equal to 115 ML/day.</li> </ul>
<b>Flow reference point</b>	Wilby Wilby gauge (422016). For flow data at the reference gauge, go to: <a href="https://realtimedata.waternsw.com.au">https://realtimedata.waternsw.com.au</a>
<b>Take from in-river pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
<b>Take from in-river dam pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.

<b>Take from off-river pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
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Table 3. Access rules for taking surface water in the Narran River - Management Zone 3

Type	Rules
<b>Cease to take</b>	The take of water is not permitted when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• there is no visible flow at the extraction (pump) site, or</li> <li>• flows at the reference point are less than or equal to 10 ML/day.</li> </ul>
<b>Flow reference point</b>	Narran Park gauge (422029). For flow data at the reference gauge, go to: <a href="https://realtimedata.waternsw.com.au">https://realtimedata.waternsw.com.au</a>
<b>Take from in-river pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
<b>Take from in-river dam pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
<b>Take from off-river pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 4. Access rules for taking surface water in the Narran River - Tributaries Management Zone

Type	Rules
<b>Cease to take</b>	Take of water is not permitted when there is no visible flow at the extraction (pump) site.
<b>Take from in-river pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
<b>Take from in-river dam pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
<b>Take from off-river pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 5. Exemptions from surface water access rules

Type	Rules
<b>Health and hygiene</b>	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 20kl/day for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fruit and vegetable washing</li> <li>• cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene</li> <li>• poultry watering and misting</li> <li>• cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.</li> </ul>
<b>Domestic use</b>	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1kl/day.
<b>Harvestable rights</b>	From a run-off harvesting dam.
<b>Local Water Utility</b>	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table B of the plan.
<b>Aquifer interference activities</b>	Access rules do not apply to the take of surface water under an access licence for which a planning approval is in force if: <p>the licence holder complies with an approved water management plan, and</p> <p>in the Minister’s opinion, the licence holder is not reasonably capable of complying with the access rules.</p>

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Table 6. Rules for constructing water supply works\*

Type	Rules
<b>In-river dams</b>	Not permitted.  This rule does not apply to replacement works or applications for works used for the purpose of town water supply.
<b>All surface water works</b>	Not permitted within 3 km upstream of, or within, a Ramsar listed wetland and within a significant wetland identified on the Significant Wetlands Map of the Plan unless, in the opinion of the Minister, there will be no more than minimal harm to the wetland concerned.  This rule does not apply to replacement works.

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## Trading

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Table 7. Rules for trading into or within this water source

Type	Rules
<b>Into water source</b>	Not permitted.
<b>Into Management zones</b>	Not permitted.
<b>Within management zones</b>	Permitted, subject to assessment.
<b>Interstate trade</b>	Not permitted.
<b>Into Ramsar or significant wetlands</b>	Not permitted into or within 3 km upstream of a Ramsar-listed wetland and into a significant wetland identified on the Significant Wetlands Map of the Plan.
<b>Within Ramsar or significant wetlands</b>	Permitted, subject to assessment.

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## Granting new licences

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Table 8. Rules for granting access licences

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Aboriginal cultural access licence	Permitted up to 10ML/year for personal, domestic or communal purposes.

## More information

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# Rule Summary Sheet for the Paroo River Water Source

## Rule Summary Sheet 4 of 6

### Plan details

Water sharing plan:	Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Application:	These rules apply to all surface water within the boundaries of this water source.

### Important

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### Carryover and individual account limits

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## Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water

Type	Rules
<b>Cease to take</b>	The take of water is not permitted when there is no visible flow at the extraction (pump) site.
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<b>Take from in-river dam pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
<b>Take from off-river pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 2. Exemptions from surface water access rules

Type	Rules
<b>Health and hygiene</b>	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 2kl/day for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fruit and vegetable washing</li> <li>• cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene</li> <li>• poultry watering and misting</li> <li>• cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.</li> </ul>
<b>Domestic use</b>	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1kl/day.
<b>Harvestable rights</b>	From a run-off harvesting dam.
<b>Local Water Utility</b>	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table B of the plan.

Type	Rules
<b>Aquifer interference activities</b>	Access rules do not apply to the take of surface water under an access licence for which a planning approval is in force if:  the licence holder complies with an approved water management plan, and  in the Minister’s opinion, the licence holder is not reasonably capable of complying with the access rules.

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Table 3. Rules for constructing water supply works

Type	Rules
<b>In-river dams</b>	Not permitted.  This rule does not apply to replacement works or applications for works used for the purpose of town water supply.
<b>All surface water works</b>	Not permitted within 3 km upstream of, or within, a Ramsar listed wetland and within a significant wetland identified on the Significant Wetlands Map of the plan unless, in the opinion of the Minister, there will be no more than minimal harm to the wetland concerned.  This rule does not apply to replacement works.

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## Trading

Trading covers assignment of rights dealings (trading of a licence), share component dealings (trading of entitlement), water allocation dealings (trading an annual allocation) and water supply works dealings (relocation of an extraction point).

Table 4. Rules for trading into or within this water source

Type	Rules
Into water source	Not permitted
Within water source	Not permitted.
Interstate trade	Not permitted
Into Ramsar or significant wetlands	Not permitted into or within 3 km upstream of a Ramsar-listed wetland and into a significant wetland identified on the Significant Wetlands Map of the plan.
Within Ramsar or significant wetlands	Permitted, subject to assessment.

Note: see Significant Wetlands map on the department's [website](#)

## Granting new licences

There are limited purposes for which a new licence will be granted. It is anticipated that most water needs will be sourced from the market. One reason a licence may be granted is for Aboriginal cultural purposes. Other reasons are identified in Section 10 of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018*.

Table 5. Rules for granting access licences

Type	Rules
Aboriginal cultural access licence	Permitted up to 10ML/year for personal, domestic or communal purposes.

## More information

More information about the planning process and the *Water Sharing Plan for the Intersecting Streams Water Sources 2024* is available on the [water sharing plan pages](#) of the department's website.

# Rule Summary Sheet for the Warrego River Water Source

## Rule Summary Sheet 5 of 6

### Plan details

Water sharing plan:	Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Application:	These rules apply to all surface water within the boundaries of this water source.

### Important

This fact sheet summarises the rules contained in the Water Sharing Plan for the Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Warrego River Water Source. It is intended as a guide only. Consult the [water sharing plan](#) for further details on this water source or other areas covered by this plan. Alternatively, contact the department on 1300 081 047, or via email at [water.enquiries@dcceew.nsw.gov.au](mailto:water.enquiries@dcceew.nsw.gov.au)

Water access and other water sharing plan rules are implemented through conditions on the 'Statement of Conditions' for access licences and 'Statement of Approval' for water supply work approvals. These conditions are updated in accordance with any new or amended water sharing plan. However, this can take some time. Licence and approval holders must comply with the conditions on their existing licence condition and approval statements until new statements are provided by the department.

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## Rules

### Managing access licences

Each water access licence has its own share component (volume of the licence) and a water allocation account that acts like a bank account where water is credited or debited.

Water is credited to an account by an available water determination or if water is traded in (purchased) during the year from other licence holders.

Water is debited from the account when water is extracted from a water source or traded out (sold). Total extraction from a work (pump, bore, etc.) will be measured via metering or logbooks.

### Carryover and individual account limits

For the accounts of all categories of licence held in the water source, carryover of water remaining in an account at the end of each water year is permitted up to 1 ML per unit share or 100 % of the share component (where expressed in ML).

For the accounts of unregulated river (special additional high flow) licences, carryover of water remaining in an account at the end of each water year is prohibited.

For the accounts of all categories of licence held in the water source, the maximum water account debit in any 3 consecutive water years is the volume of water allocated to the account over those 3 years from available water determinations plus any adjustments made for allocation assignments (trades) or water allocation re-credited into the account.

### Non-Urban Water Metering Framework

The NSW Government's [non-urban water metering framework](#), initiated in December 2018, aims to ensure the fair and equitable sharing of water among users, enhancing transparency and efficiency in water management across the state. The framework's implementation was staged to allow water users, suppliers, and installers sufficient time to achieve compliance. The NSW Government has recently completed a review of the non-urban metering rules and has updated the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018* to make compliance quicker, easier and more cost effective.

The new metering rules require water users to assess their compliance requirements using their total entitlement and work size. Large water users must comply with the highest metering standards whilst smaller water users now have less prescriptive metering requirements. Water users are encouraged to consult the department's [non-urban metering website](#) for detailed information and updates. To verify individual access licence details, please refer to the [WaterNSW Water Register](#)

## Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water

Type	Rules
<b>Cease to take</b>	Take of water is not permitted when there is no visible flow at the extraction (pump) site.
<b>Cease to take unregulated river (special additional high flow) licences</b>	Take of water is not permitted when there is no visible flow at the extraction (pump) site, or: Refer to Schedule 3, Table A of the Plan for conditions specific to this category of access licence. For flow data at the reference gauge, go to: <a href="https://realtimedata.waternsw.com.au">https://realtimedata.waternsw.com.au</a>
<b>Take from in-river pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
<b>Take from in-river dam pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
<b>Take from off-river pools</b>	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 2. Exemptions from surface water access rules

Type	Rules
<b>Health and hygiene</b>	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 20kl/day for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fruit and vegetable washing</li> <li>• cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene</li> <li>• poultry watering and misting</li> <li>• cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.</li> </ul>
<b>Domestic use</b>	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1kl/day.

Type	Rules
Harvestable rights	From a run-off harvesting dam.
Local Water Utility	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table B of the plan.
Aquifer interference activities	<p>Access rules do not apply to the take of surface water under an access licence for which a planning approval is in force if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the licence holder complies with an approved water management plan, and</li> <li>in the Minister’s opinion, the licence holder is not reasonably capable of complying with the access rules.</li> </ul>

## Water supply works approvals

Water supply work approvals allow you to construct and use a work which takes water from a river, lake or aquifer. Examples of water supply works are water pumps, water bores, spearpoints, dams, weirs, irrigation channels, banks and levees. Approvals are granted through WaterNSW to construct and operate water supply works. Every approval includes conditions that are in place to reduce adverse impacts. For more information, please visit the [WaterNSW works approvals](#) website.

Table 3. Rules for constructing water supply works

Type	Rules
In-river dams	<p>Not permitted.</p> <p>This rule does not apply to replacement works or applications for works used for the purpose of town water supply.</p>
All surface water works	<p>Not permitted within 3 km upstream of, or within, a Ramsar listed wetland and within a significant wetland identified on the Significant Wetlands Map of the Plan unless, in the opinion of the Minister, there will be no more than minimal harm to the wetland concerned.</p> <p>This rule does not apply to replacement works.</p>

Note: see Significant Wetlands map on the department’s [website](#)

## Trading

Trading covers assignment of rights dealings (trading of a licence), share component dealings (trading of entitlement), water allocation dealings (trading an annual allocation), and water supply works dealings (relocation of an extraction point).

Table 4. Rules for trading into or within this water source

Type	Rules
Into water source	Not permitted.
Within water source	Permitted, subject to assessment.
Interstate trade	Not permitted.
Into Ramsar or significant wetlands	Not permitted into or within 3 km upstream of a Ramsar-listed wetland and into a significant wetland identified on the Significant Wetlands Map of the plan.
Within Ramsar or significant wetlands	Permitted, subject to assessment.

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There are limited purposes for which a new licence will be granted. It is anticipated that most water needs will be sourced from the market. One reason a licence may be granted is for Aboriginal cultural purposes. Other reasons are identified in Section 10 of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018*.

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## More information

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# Rule Summary Sheet for the Yanda Creek Water Source

## Rule Summary Sheet 6 of 6

### Plan details

Water sharing plan:	Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Application:	These rules apply to all surface water within the boundaries of this water source.

### Important

This fact sheet summarises the rules contained in the Water Sharing Plan for the Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Yanda Creek Water Source. It is intended as a guide only. Consult the [water sharing plan](#) for further details on this water source or other areas covered by this plan. Alternatively, contact the department on 1300 081 047, or via email at [water.enquiries@dcceew.nsw.gov.au](mailto:water.enquiries@dcceew.nsw.gov.au)

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## Rules

### Managing access licences

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Water is debited from the account when water is extracted from a water source or traded out (sold). Total extraction from a work (pump, bore, etc.) will be measured via metering or logbooks.

### Carryover and individual account limits

For the accounts of all categories of licence held in the water source – carryover of water remaining in an account at the end of each water year is permitted up to 1ML per unit share or 100 % of the share component (where expressed in ML).

For the accounts of all categories of licence held in the water source - the maximum water account debit in any 3 consecutive water years is the volume of water allocated to the account over those 3 years from available water determinations plus any adjustments made for allocation assignments (trades) or water allocation re-credited into the account.

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