Rule Summary Sheet for the Inverell Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Border River Unregulated
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

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 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 to the accounts made for allocation assignments (trades) or water allocation re-credited into the account.

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Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water in the Upstream Dintonvale Road Crossing Management Zone

Type	Rules
Cease to take	Take of water is not permitted when flows are less than or equal to 1 ML/day at the flow reference point. For flow data at the reference gauge, go to https://realtimedata.waternsw.com.au
Flow reference point	Macintyre at Inverell gauge (416016).
Take from in-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
Take from in-river dam pools	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
Take from off-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 2. Access rules for taking surface water in the Downstream Dintonvale Road Crossing Management Zone

Type	Rules
Cease to take	Take of water is not permitted if there is no visible flow at the location from which water is proposed to be taken. For flow data at the reference gauge, go to https://realtimedata.waternsw.com.au
Take from in-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
Take from in-river dam pools	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
Take from off-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 3. Exemptions from surface water access rules

Type	Rules
Health and hygiene	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 20 kl/day for the following reasons: • fruit and vegetable washing • cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene • poultry watering and misting • cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.
Domestic use	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1 kl/day.
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	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.

Water supply works approvals

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Table 4. Rules for constructing surface water supply works*

Type	Rules
In-river dams	Permitted, subject to assessment.

Type	Rules
All surface water works	Not permitted within 3 km upstream of, or within, a Ramsar listed wetland and within significant wetlands 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.

*Note: Significant Wetlands Map on the department's website

Trading

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

Table 5. Rules for trading into or within this water source

Type	Rules
Into water source	Not permitted.
Within Water Source	Not permitted between management zones in this water source.
Into the Upstream Macintyre River trading zone	Permitted from the Upstream Macintyre River Tributaries Trading Zone only.
Into the Upstream Macintyre River tributaries trading zone	Not permitted.
Into the Downstream Macintyre River trading zone	Permitted from the Downstream Macintyre River Tributaries Trading Zone only.

Type	Rules
Into the Downstream Macintyre River tributaries trading zone	Not permitted.
Interstate trade	Not permitted.
Into a Ramsar or significant wetland*	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 a Ramsar or significant wetland*	Permitted, subject to assessment.

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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 6. 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 Glen Innes Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Border Rivers Unregulated
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 NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Glen Innes 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

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Carryover and individual account limits

For the accounts of all categories of licence held in the water source except for unregulated river (special additional high flow) licences, – 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 held in the water source - carryover of water allocations is prohibited.

For all categories of licence held in the water source except for unregulated river (special additional high flow) licences – 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 to the accounts made for allocation assignments (trades) or water allocation re-credited into the account.

For unregulated river (special additional high flow) licences held in the water source – the maximum water account debit in any one water year must not be more than the volume of water allocated to the account over the water year plus any adjustments to the accounts made for allocation assignments (trades) or water allocation re-credit into the account over the water year.

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Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water

Type	Rules
Cease to take	Take of water is not permitted when flows are less than or equal to 1 ML/day at the flow reference point. For flow data at the reference gauge, go to: https://realtimedata.waternsw.com.au
Flow reference point	Severn River at Fladbury gauge (416022).
Take from in-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
Take from in-river dam pools	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
Take from off-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 2. Exemptions from surface water access rules

Type	Rules
Health and hygiene	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 20 kl/day for the following reasons: • fruit and vegetable washing • cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene • poultry watering and misting • cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.
Domestic use	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1 kl/day.
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	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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Type	Rules
In-river dams	Not Permitted
All surface water works	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 4. Rules for trading into or within this water source

Type	Rules
Into water source	Not Permitted
Between trading zones	Not Permitted
Within trading zones	Permitted, subject to assessment

Granting new licences

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Rule Summary Sheet for the Kings Plains Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Border Rivers Unregulated
Application:	These rules apply to all surface water within the boundaries of this water source.

Important

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Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water

Type	Rules
Cease to take	Take of water is not permitted if there is no visible flow at the location from which water is proposed to be taken.
Take from in-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
Take from in-river dam pools	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
Take from off-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 2. Exemptions from surface water access rules

Type	Rules
Health and hygiene	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 20 kl/day for the following reasons: • fruit and vegetable washing • cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene • poultry watering and misting • cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.
Domestic use	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1 kl/day.
Harvestable rights	From a run-off harvesting dam.
Local water utility	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table B of the plan.

Type	Rules
Aquifer interference activities	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 surface water supply works*

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

Type	Rules
Into water source	Not permitted
Between trading zones within water source	Trade from Kings Plains Trading Zone to Upstream Nullamanna Road Crossing Trading Zone is prohibited. Trade from Upstream Nullamanna Road Crossing Trading Zone to Kings Plains Trading Zone is permitted, subject to assessment.
Within trading zones	Permitted
Into a Ramsar or significant wetland*	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.
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Rule Summary Sheet for the Mole River Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Border Rivers Unregulated
Application:	These rules apply to all surface water and the highly connected alluvial groundwater within the boundaries of this water source.

Important

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Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water in Mole River Management Zone 1

Type	Rules
Cease to take	Take of water is not permitted when flows are less than or equal to 1 ML/day at the flow reference point. For flow data at the reference gauge, go to https://realtimedata.waternsw.com.au
Flow reference point	Deepwater River at Bolivia gauge (416023)
Take from in-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
Take from in-river dam pools	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
Take from off-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 2. Access rules for taking surface water in Mole River Management Zone 2

Type	Rules
Cease to take	Take of water is not permitted if there is no visible flow at the location from which water is proposed to be taken.
Take from in-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
Take from in-river dam pools	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
Take from off-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 3. Exemptions from surface water access rules

Type	Rules
Health and hygiene	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 20 kl/day for the following reasons: • fruit and vegetable washing • cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene • poultry watering and misting • cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.
Domestic use	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1 kl/day.
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Table 4. Rules for constructing surface water supply works*

Type	Rules
In-river dams	Not permitted. Exemptions may apply for town water supply purposes.
All surface water works	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 5. Rules for trading into or within this water source

Type	Rules
Into water source	Not permitted
Within water source	Not permitted between management zones in this water source.
Into the Mole River Trading Zone	Trades permitted from the Mole River Tributaries Trading Zone only.
Into the Mole River tributaries trading zone	Not permitted
Into the Unregulated Dumaresq River trading zone	Trades permitted from the Mole River Trading Zone and the Mole River Tributaries Trading Zone.
Into the Bluff River trading zone	Not permitted

Type	Rules
Into the Deepwater River trading zone	Not permitted
Interstate trade	Not permitted
Into a Ramsar or significant wetland*	Not permitted into or within 3 km upstream of a Ramsar-listed wetland. Not permitted into a significant wetland identified on the Significant Wetlands Map of the Plan.
Within a Ramsar or significant wetland	Permitted, subject to assessment.

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Rule Summary Sheet for the Ottleys Creek Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Border Rivers Unregulated
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

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).

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Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water

Type	Rules
Cease to take	Take of water is not permitted if there is no visible flow at the location from which water is proposed to be taken.
Take from in-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
Take from in-river dam pools	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
Take from off-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 2. Exemptions from surface water access rules

Type	Rules
Health and hygiene	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 20 kl/day for the following reasons: • fruit and vegetable washing • cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene • poultry watering and misting • cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.
Domestic use	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1 kl/day.
Harvestable rights	From a run-off harvesting dam.
Local Water Utility	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table B of the plan.

Type	Rules
Aquifer interference activities	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.

Water supply works approvals

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Table 3. Rules for constructing surface water supply works*

Type	Rules
In-river dams	Not Permitted. Exemptions may apply for town water supply purposes
All surface water works	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.

*Note: 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	Permitted from the Glen Innes Water Source, the Inverell Water Source, the Kings Plains Water Source and the Yetman Water Source only subject to the sum of share components or sum of water allocations in the water source not exceeding 5,138 ML (4,468 ML of total share components at commencement of plan plus an additional 670 ML).
Within water source	Permitted, subject to assessment.
Into a Ramsar or significant wetland*	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 a Ramsar or significant wetland	Permitted, subject to assessment.

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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

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Rule Summary Sheet for the Beardy River Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Border Rivers Unregulated
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 NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Beardy 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

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Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water

Type	Rules
Cease to take	Take of water is not permitted when flows are less than or equal to 1 ML/day at the flow reference point.
Take from in-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
Take from in-river dam pools	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
Take from off-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 2. Exemptions from surface water access rules

Type	Rules
Health and hygiene	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 20 kl/day for the following reasons: • fruit and vegetable washing • cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene • poultry watering and misting • cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.
Domestic use	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1 kl/day.
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	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

Type	Rules
	• 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 surface water supply works*

Type	Rules
In-river dams	Not permitted. Exemptions may apply for town water supply purposes.
All surface water works	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.

*Note: Significant Wetlands Map on the department's website

Trading

Trading covers assignment of rights dealings (trading of a licence), share component dealings (change of water source), 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

Into a Ramsar or significant wetland	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 a Ramsar or significant wetland	Permitted, subject to assessment.

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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 NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 is available on the water sharing plan pages of the department's website.

Rule Summary Sheet for the Reedy Creek Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Border Rivers Unregulated
Application:	These rules apply to all surface water and the highly connected alluvial groundwater within the boundaries of this water source.

Important

This fact sheet summarises the rules contained in the Water Sharing Plan for the NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Reedy 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

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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

Type	Rules
Cease to take	Take of water is not permitted if there is no visible flow at the location from which water is proposed to be taken.
Take from in-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
Take from in-river dam pools	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
Take from off-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 2. Exemptions from surface water access rules

Type	Rules
Health and hygiene	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 20 kl/day for the following reasons: • fruit and vegetable washing • cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene • poultry watering and misting • cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.
Domestic use	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1 kl/day.
Harvestable rights	From a run-off harvesting dam.
Local Water Utility	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table B of the plan.

Type	Rules
Aquifer interference activities	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 surface water supply works*

Type	Rules
In-river dams	Not permitted. Exemptions may apply for town water supply purposes.
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Trading

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

Type	Rules
Into water source	Limited trade in of 15 ML/year permitted from Beardy River Water Source, the Bonshaw Water Source, the Camp Creek Water Source, the Campbells Creek Water Source, the Mole River Water Source or the Tenterfield Creek Water Source only.
Within water source	Permitted, subject to assessment.
Into a Ramsar or significant wetland*	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.
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Rule Summary Sheet for the Bonshaw Creek Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Border Rivers Unregulated
Application:	These rules apply to all surface water within the boundaries of this water source.

Important

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Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water

Type	Rules
Cease to take	Take of water is not permitted if there is no visible flow at the location from which water is proposed to be taken.
Take from in-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
Take from in-river dam pools	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
Take from off-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 2. Exemptions from surface water access rules

Type	Rules
Health and hygiene	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 20 kl/day for the following reasons: • fruit and vegetable washing • cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene • poultry watering and misting • cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.
Domestic use	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1 kl/day.
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Type	Rules
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Trading

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

Type	Rules
Into water source	Permitted into the water source from Beardy River Water Source, Camp Creek Water Source, Campbells Creek Water Source, Mole River Water Source, Reedy Creek Water Source and Tenterfield Creek Water Source only subject to the sum of share components or the sum of water allocations in the water source not exceeding 66 ML (56 ML of licence shares held at the commencement of the plan and an additional 10 ML).
Within water source	Permitted, subject to assessment.
Into a Ramsar or significant wetland*	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.
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Rule Summary Sheet for the Yetman Creek Water Source

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Plan details

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Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Border Rivers Unregulated
Application:	These rules apply to all surface water within the boundaries of this water source.

Important

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Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water

Type	Rules
Cease to take	Take of water is not permitted if there is no visible flow at the location from which water is proposed to be taken.
Take from in-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
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Table 2. Exemptions from surface water access rules

Type	Rules
Health and hygiene	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 20 kl/day for the following reasons: • fruit and vegetable washing • cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene • poultry watering and misting • cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.
Domestic use	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1 kl/day.
Harvestable rights	From a run-off harvesting dam.
Local Water Utility	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table B of the plan.

Type	Rules
Aquifer interference activities	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.

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 surface water supply works*

Type	Rules
In-river dams	Permitted, subject to assessment.
All surface water works	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.

*Note: Significant Wetlands Map on the department's website

Trading

Trading covers assignment of rights dealings (trading of a licence), share component dealings (change of water source), 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	Permitted from Glen Innes Water Source, Inverell Water Source, Kings Plains Water Source and Ottley's Creek Water Source only subject to the sum of share components or the sum of water allocations in the water source not exceeding 259 ML (240 ML of share components at the commencement of the plan and 19 ML of additional share components).
Within water source	Permitted, subject to assessment.
Into a Ramsar or significant wetland*	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 a Ramsar or significant wetland	Permitted, subject to assessment.

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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 purpose licence	Permitted up to 10ML/year for personal, domestic, or communal purposes

More information

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Rule Summary Sheet for the Croppa Creek Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan: NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024

Plan commencement: 1 July 2024

Term of plan: 10 years

Extraction Management Unit: Croppa Creek and Whalan Creek

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 NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Croppa 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

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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 another licence holder.
- Water is debited from the account when water is extracted from a water source or traded out (sold). Total extraction from a work (pump, diversion channel, etc.) is to be measured via metering or logbooks in accordance with the non-urban water metering regulations.

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 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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Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water

Type	Rules
Cease to take	Take of water is not permitted if there is no visible flow at the location from which water is proposed to be taken.
Take from in-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
Take from in-river dam pools	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
Take from off-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 2. Exemptions from surface water access rules

Type	Rules
Health and hygiene	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 20 kl/day for the following reasons: • fruit and vegetable washing • cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene • poultry watering and misting • cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.
Domestic use	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1 kl/day.
Harvestable rights	From a run-off harvesting dam.
Local Water Utility	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table B of the plan.

Type	Rules
Aquifer interference activities	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 surface water supply works*

Type	Rules
In-river dams	Not permitted. Exemptions may apply for town water supply purposes only
All surface water works	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.

*Note: Significant Wetlands Map on the department's website

Trading

Trading covers assignment of rights dealings (trading of a licence), share component dealings (change of water source), 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	Permitted, subject to assessment.
Between trading zones within water source	Not permitted.
Into a Ramsar or significant wetland*	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 a Ramsar or significant wetland	Permitted, subject to assessment.

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Granting new licences

Table 5. Rules for granting access licences*

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

More information

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Rule Summary Sheet for the Camp Creek Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Border Rivers Unregulated
Application:	These rules apply to all surface water and the highly connected alluvial groundwater within the boundaries of this water source.

Important

This fact sheet summarises the rules contained in the Water Sharing Plan for the NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Camp 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

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Rules

Managing access licences

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Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water

Type	Rules
Cease to take	Take of water is not permitted if there is no visible flow at the location from which water is proposed to be taken.
Take from in-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
Take from in-river dam pools	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
Take from off-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 2. Exemptions from surface water access rules

Type	Rules
Health and hygiene	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 20 kl/day for the following reasons: • fruit and vegetable washing • cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene • poultry watering and misting • cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.
Domestic use	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1 kl/day.
Harvestable rights	From a run-off harvesting dam.
Local Water Utility	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table B of the plan.

Type	Rules
Aquifer interference activities	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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Type	Rules
In-river dams	Not permitted. Exemptions may apply for town water supply purposes only.
All surface water works	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.

*Note: Significant Wetlands Map on the department's website

Trading

Trading covers assignment of rights dealings (trading of a licence), share component dealings (change of water source), 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	Permitted from Beardy River Water Source, Bonshaw Water Source, Campbells Creek Water Source, Mole River Water Source, Reedy Creek Water Source and Tenterfield Creek Water Source only subject to the sum of share components or the sum of water allocations in the water source not exceeding 495 ML (430 ML of share components at the commencement of the plan and 65 ML of additional share components).
Within water source	Permitted, subject to assessment
Into a Ramsar or significant wetland*	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 a Ramsar or significant wetland	Permitted, subject to assessment

*Note: 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 purpose licence	Permitted up to 10ML/year for personal, domestic, or communal purposes

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Rule Summary Sheet for the Campbells Creek Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Border Rivers Unregulated
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 NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Campbells 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

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Rules

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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).

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Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water

Type	Rules
Cease to take	Take of water is not permitted if there is no visible flow at the location from which water is proposed to be taken.
Take from in-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
Take from in-river dam pools	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
Take from off-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.

Table 2. Exemptions from surface water access rules

Type	Rules
Health and hygiene	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 20 kl/day for the following reasons: • fruit and vegetable washing • cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene • poultry watering and misting • cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.
Domestic use	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1 kl/day.
Harvestable rights	From a run-off harvesting dam.
Local Water Utility	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table B of the plan.

Type	Rules
Aquifer interference activities	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 surface water supply works

Type	Rules
In-river dams	Not permitted. Exemptions may apply for Town Water Supply purposes only
All surface water works	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 (change of water source), 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	Permitted from Beardy River Water Source, the Bonshaw Water Source, the Camp Creek Water Source, the Mole River Water Source, the Reedy Creek Water Source or the Tenterfield Creek Water Source only subject to the sum of share components or the sum of water allocations in the water source not exceeding 149 ML (130 ML at the commencement of the plan and 19 ML of additional licence shares).
Within water source	Permitted, subject to assessment
Into a Ramsar or significant wetland*	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 a Ramsar or significant wetland	Permitted, subject to assessment.

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Granting new licences

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Type	Rules
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Rule Summary Sheet for the Tenterfield Creek Water Source

Rule Summary Sheet 13 of 13

Plan details

Water sharing plan:	NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Border Rivers Unregulated
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 NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Tenterfield 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

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Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water

Type	Rules
Cease to take	Take of water is not permitted if there is no visible flow at the location from which water is proposed to be taken.
Commence to take	Following a cease to take period, the take of water must not commence until there has been a visible flow for a consecutive 24 hours at the location at which water is proposed to be taken.
Take from in-river pools	Take of water is not permitted when the pool is below full capacity.
Take from in-river dam pools	Take of water is not permitted unless the take is in accordance with the conditions on the relevant water supply work approval.
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Type	Rules
Health and hygiene	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table A of the plan, no more than 20 kl/day for the following reasons: • fruit and vegetable washing • cleaning of dairy plant and equipment for the purposes of hygiene • poultry watering and misting • cleaning of enclosures used for intensive animal production for the purposes of hygiene.
Domestic use	For domestic consumption authorised under a domestic and stock access licence, up to 1 kl/day.
Harvestable rights	From a run-off harvesting dam.

Type	Rules
Local Water Utility	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table B of the plan.
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Type	Rules
In-river dams	Not permitted. Exemptions may apply for town water supply purposes.
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Trading

Trading covers assignment of rights dealings (trading of a licence), share component dealings (change of water source), 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	Trade between management zones is not permitted.
Within Management Zones	Permitted, subject to assessment.
Interstate trade	Not permitted.
Into a Ramsar or significant wetland*	Not permitted into or within 3 km upstream of a Ramsar-listed wetland and into a significant wetland identified in the Significant Wetlands Map of the Plan.
Within a Ramsar or significant wetland	Permitted, subject to assessment.

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Granting new licences

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