

Rule Summary Sheet for the Albury Water Source

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Plan details

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

Important

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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 unless there is a flow equivalent to the full flow of water through a 200 mm pipe* at the site of extraction.
Take from in-river pools	Take is not permitted when the in-river 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 is not permitted when the off-river pool is below 80% of full capacity.

* This flow is equivalent to around 0.5 ML/day.

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 for each household supplied by the access licence.
Harvestable rights	From a runoff 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	Permitted, subject to assessment.
All surface water works	Not permitted within and 3 km upstream of Ramsar wetlands or within regionally significant wetlands identified on the Significant Wetlands Map of the Plan unless, in the Minister's opinion, 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	No Net Gain. This means trade must occur out of the water source before the equivalent or less can be traded back in.

Type	Rules
Within water source	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 or 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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Table 5. Rules for granting access licences

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Aboriginal cultural access licence	Permitted up to 10 ML/year per licence, subject to assessment.

More information

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Rules Summary Sheet for the Dora Dora Water Source

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Plan details

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Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Unregulated Upper Murray
Application :	These rules apply to all surface water within the boundaries of this water source.

Important

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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 for each household supplied by the access licence.
Harvestable rights	From a runoff harvesting dam.
Local water utility	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table B of the Plan.

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Table 3. Rules for constructing surface water supply works*Rules for constructing surface water supply works*

Type	Rules
In-river dams	Permitted, except on a third or higher order stream. This restriction does not apply to replacement works or works used for the purpose of town water supply.
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Table 4. Rules for trading into or within this water source

Type	Rules
Into water source	Permitted subject to the sum of share components or sum of water allocations of unregulated river access licences and domestic and stock access licences in Dora Dora Water Source, Hume Water Source, Jingelic Water Source and Ournie Welaregang Water Source not collectively exceeding 1,103 ML.
Within water source	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 or into a significant wetland identified on the Significant Wetlands Map of the Plan.
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Rule Summary Sheet for the Hume Water Source

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Plan details

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Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Unregulated Upper Murray
Application:	These rules apply to all surface water within the boundaries of this water source.

Important

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Water sharing plan rule summary sheet

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Take from off-river pools	Take is not permitted when the off-river pool is below 80% of full capacity.

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Table 2. Exemptions from surface water access rules

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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 for each household supplied by the access licence.
Harvestable rights	From a runoff harvesting dam.
Local water utility	For an access licence specified in Schedule 2, Table B of the Plan.

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Trading

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

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Into water source	Permitted subject to the sum of share components or sum of water allocations of unregulated river access licences and domestic and stock access licences in Dora Dora Water Source, Hume Water Source, Jingelic Water Source and Ournie Welaregang Water Source not collectively exceeding 1,103 ML.
Within water source	Permitted, subject to assessment.
Interstate trade	Not permitted.
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Rule Summary Sheet for the Indi Water Source

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Plan details

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Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Unregulated Upper Murray
Application:	These rules apply to all surface water within the boundaries of this water source.

Important

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Access rules

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Type	Rules
Cease to take (A class)	Take of water is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class, which is when flows at the flow reference point are less than or equal to 87 ML/day.
Cease to take (B Class)	Take of water is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class or in A Class, which is when flows at the flow reference point are less than or equal to 157 ML/day.
Cease to take (C Class)	Take of water is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class or in A Class or in B Class, which is when flows at the flow reference point are less than or equal to 467 ML/day.
Total daily extraction limit	A total daily extraction limit (TDEL) of 24 ML/day applies to all access licences in the Indi Water Source when flows are in the A Class.
Flow reference point	Murray River at Biggara gauge (401012). For flow data at the reference gauge, go to: https://waterinsights.watarnsw.com.au .
Take from in-river pools	Take is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class or if 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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Into water source	Permitted subject to the sum of licence share components or water allocations for unregulated river access licences and domestic and stock access licences not exceeding 2,547 ML and subject to the sum of licence share components or water allocations for all categories of access licence not exceeding 5,404 ML.
Within water source	Permitted, subject to assessment.
Interstate trade	Not permitted.
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Other licence dealings

An unregulated river access licence in the water source may be converted to an unregulated river (high flow) access licence at a conversion rate of 1:1.

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Rule Summary Sheet for the Jingellic River Water Source

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Extraction Management Unit:	Unregulated Upper Murray
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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. There are also measurement/metering obligations for unregulated river access licence holders that take overland flow that are aligned with the floodplain harvesting measurement 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
Cease to take (A class)	Take of water is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class, which is when flows at the flow reference point are less than or equal to 10 ML/day.
Flow reference point	Jingellic Creek at Jingellic gauge (401013). For flow data at the reference gauge, go to: https://waterinsights.watarnsw.com.au .
Take from in-river pools	Take is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class or if 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 is not permitted when the off-river pool is below 80% of 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 for each household supplied by the access licence.

Type	Rules
Harvestable rights	From a runoff 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 3. Rules for constructing surface water supply works*

Type	Rules
In-river dams	Permitted, subject to assessment.
All surface water works	Not permitted within and 3 km upstream of Ramsar wetlands, or within a regionally significant wetland identified on the Significant Wetlands Map of the plan unless, in the Minister's opinion, there will be no more than minimal harm to the wetland concerned. This rule does not apply to replacement works.

*Note: see 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 the sum of share components or sum of water allocations of unregulated river access licences and domestic and stock access licences in Dora Dora Water Source, Hume Water Source, Jingelic Water Source and Ournie Welaregang Water Source not collectively exceeding 1,103 ML.
Within water source	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 or into a significant wetland identified on the Significant Wetlands Map of the Plan.
Within a Ramsar or significant wetland*	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 10 ML/year per licence, subject to assessment.

More information

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

Rule Summary Sheet for the Lower Wangamong Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Unregulated Middle Murray
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 Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Lower Wangamong 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

Each water access licence has its own share component (volume of the licence) and a water allocation 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 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, bore, 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.

Non-Urban Water Metering Framework

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Water sharing plan rule summary sheet

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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 unless there is a flow equivalent to the full flow of water through a 200 mm pipe* at the site of extraction.
Take from in-river pools	Take is not permitted when the in-river 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 is not permitted when the off-river pool is below 80% of full capacity.

* This flow is equivalent to around 0.5 ML/day.

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 for each household supplied by the access licence.
Harvestable rights	From a runoff 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	Permitted, subject to assessment.
All surface water works	Not permitted within and 3 km upstream of Ramsar wetlands and within regionally 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.

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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	Permitted subject to the sum of share components or sum of water allocations for domestic and stock access licences and unregulated river access licences in the Albury Water Source, Lower Wangamong Water Source, and Majors Water Source not collectively exceeding 666 ML.
Within water source	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 or 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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Table 5. Rules for granting access licences

Type	Rules
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Rule Summary Sheet for the Majors Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Unregulated Middle Murray
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 Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Majors 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 rules

Each water access licence has its own share component (volume of the licence) and a water allocation 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 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, bore, etc.) is to be measured via metering or logbooks in accordance with the non-urban water metering regulations.

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 unless there is a flow equivalent to the full flow of water through a 200 mm pipe* at the site of extraction.
Take from in-river pools	Take is not permitted when the in-river 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 is not permitted when the off-river pool is below 80% of full capacity.

* This flow is equivalent to around 0.5 ML/day.

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 for each household supplied by the access licence.
Harvestable rights	From a runoff 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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In-river dams	Permitted, subject to assessment.
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Table 4. Rules for trading into or within this water source

Type	Rules
Into water source	Permitted subject to the sum of share components or sum of water allocations in the Albury Water Source, Lower Wangamong Water Source and Majors Water Source not collectively exceeding 666 ML.
Within water source	Permitted, subject to assessment.
Interstate trade	Not permitted.
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Rule Summary Sheet for the Mannus Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Unregulated Upper Murray
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 Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Mannus 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 - Mannus Upstream Management Zone

Type	Rules
Cease to take (A class)	Take of water is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class, which is when flows at Mannus Creek at Glenroy No.2 gauge (401029) are less than or equal to 1 ML/day.
Cease to take (B Class)	Take of water is not permitted when flows are less than or equal to 1 ML/day at Mannus Creek at Glenroy No.2 gauge (401029) or when flows are less than or equal to 61 ML/day at Mannus Creek at Yarramundi gauge (401017).
Flow reference points	Mannus Creek at Glenroy No.2 gauge (401029) and Mannus Creek at Yarramundi gauge (401017). For flow data at the reference gauge, go to: https://waterinsights.watarnsw.com.au .
Take from in-river pools	Take is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class at Mannus Creek at Glenroy No.2 gauge (401029) or if 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 is not permitted when the off-river pool is below 80% of full capacity.

Table 2. Access rules for taking surface water - Mannus Downstream Management Zone

Type	Rules
Cease to take (A class)	Take of water is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class, which is when flows at the flow reference point are less than or equal to 9.4 ML/day.
Cease to take (B Class)	Take of water is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class or in A Class, which is when flows at the flow reference point are less than or equal to 61 ML/day.
Flow reference point	Mannus Creek at Yarramundi gauge (401017). For flow data at the reference gauge, go to: https://waterinsights.watarnsw.com.au .
Take from in-river pools	Take is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class or if 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 is not permitted when the off-river pool is below 80% of 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 for each household supplied by the access licence.

Type	Rules
Harvestable rights	From a runoff 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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Table 4. Rules for constructing surface water supply works*

Type	Rules
In-river dams	Permitted, subject to assessment.
All surface water works	Not permitted within and 3 km upstream of Ramsar wetlands and within a regionally 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).

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Table 5. Rules for trading into or within Mannus Upstream Management Zone

Type	Rules
Into management zone	Permitted from another water source or from the Mannus Downstream Management Zone subject to the sum of licence share components or water allocations of unregulated river licences and domestic and stock access licence in the water source not exceeding 439 ML and subject to the sum of licence shares or water allocations for all categories of licence (other than local water utility access licences) in the management zone not exceeding 2,078 ML.
Within management zone	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 or into a significant wetland identified on the Significant Wetlands Map of the Plan.
Within a Ramsar or significant wetland*	Permitted, subject to assessment.

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

Table 6. Rules for trading into or within Mannus Downstream Management Zone

Type	Rules
Into management zone	Permitted from another water source or from the Mannus Upstream Management Zone subject to the sum of licence share components or water allocations of unregulated river licences and domestic and stock access licences in the management zone not exceeding 1,028 ML and subject to the sum of licence shares or water allocations for all categories of licence (other than local water utility access licences) in the management zone not exceeding 2,553 ML.
Within management zone	Permitted, subject to assessment.
Interstate trade	Not permitted.

Type	Rules
Into a Ramsar or significant wetland*	Not permitted into or within 3 km upstream of a Ramsar-listed wetland or into a significant wetland identified in 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.
Within a Ramsar or significant wetland*	Permitted, subject to assessment.

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Other licence dealings

An unregulated river access licence in the water source may be converted to an unregulated river (high flow) access licence at a conversion rate of 1:1.

Granting new licences

Table 7. Rules for granting access licences

Type	Rules
Aboriginal cultural access licence	Permitted up to 10 ML/year per licence, subject to assessment.

More information

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Rule Summary Sheet for the Maragle Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Unregulated Upper Murray
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 Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Maragle 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

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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. There are also measurement/metering obligations for unregulated river access licence holders that take overland flow that are aligned with the floodplain harvesting measurement requirements.

Water sharing plan rule summary sheet

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Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water

Type	Rules
Cease to take (A class)	Take of water is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class, which is when flows at the flow reference point are less than or equal to 10 ML/day.
Cease to take (B Class)	Take of water is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class or in A Class, which is when flows at the flow reference point are less than or equal to 41 ML/day.
Flow reference point	Maragle Creek at Maragle gauge (401009). For flow data at the reference gauge, go to: https://waterinsights.watarnsw.com.au .
Take from in-river pools	Take is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class or if 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 is not permitted when the off-river pool is below 80% of 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 for each household supplied by the access licence.
Harvestable rights	From a runoff 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 3. Rules for constructing surface water supply works*

Type	Rules
In-river dams	Permitted, subject to assessment.
All surface water works	Not permitted within and 3 km upstream of Ramsar wetlands or within regionally 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: see 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 the sum of licence share components or water allocations for unregulated river access licences and domestic and stock access licences in the water source not exceeding 473 ML, and subject to the sum of licence share components of all categories of access licence or water allocations of all categories of licence other than local water utility licences in the water source not exceeding 976 ML.
Within water source	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 or into a significant wetland identified on the Significant Wetlands Map of the Plan.
Within a Ramsar or significant wetland*	Permitted, subject to assessment.

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

Other licence dealings

An unregulated river access licence in the water source may be converted to an unregulated river (high flow) access licence at a conversion rate of 1:1.

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 10 ML/year per licence, subject to assessment.

More information

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

Rule Summary Sheet for the Murray Below Mulwala Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Unregulated Middle Murray
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 Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Murray Below Mulwala 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

Each water access licence has its own share component (volume of the licence) and a water allocation 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 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, bore, etc.) is to be measured via metering or logbooks in accordance with the non-urban water metering regulations.

Carryover and individual account limits

For accounts of all categories of access 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 access 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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Water sharing plan rule summary sheet

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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 unless there is a flow equivalent to the full flow of water through a 200 mm pipe* at the site of extraction.
Take from in-river pools	Take is not permitted when the in-river 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 is not permitted when the off-river pool is below 80% of full capacity.

* This flow is equivalent to around 0.5 ML/day.

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 for each household supplied by the access licence.
Harvestable rights	From a runoff 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	Permitted, except on a third or higher order stream. This restriction does not apply to replacement works or works used for the purpose of town water supply.
All surface water works	Not permitted within and 3 km upstream of Ramsar wetlands and within a regionally 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: see 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, 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 or 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 10 ML/year per licence, subject to assessment.

More information

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Rule Summary Sheet for the Ournie Welaregang Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Unregulated Upper Murray
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 Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Ournie Welaregang 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 debited from the account when water is extracted from a water source or traded out (sold). Total extraction from a work (pump, bore, 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).

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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 unless there is a flow equivalent to the full flow of water through a 200 mm pipe* at the site of extraction.
Take from in-river pools	Take is not permitted when the in-river 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 is not permitted when the off-river pool is below 80% of full capacity.

* This flow is equivalent to around 0.5 ML/day.

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 for each household supplied by the access licence.
Harvestable rights	From a runoff 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	Permitted, subject to assessment.
All surface water works	Not permitted within and 3 km upstream of Ramsar wetlands or within a regionally 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: 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	Permitted subject to the sum of share components or sum of water allocations of unregulated river access licences and domestic and stock access licences in Dora Dora Water Source, Hume Water Source, Jingelic Water Source and Ournie Welaregang Water Source not collectively exceeding 1,103 ML.
Within water source	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 or 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 10 ML/year per licence, subject to assessment.

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Rule Summary Sheet for the Swampy Plain Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Unregulated Upper Murray
Application:	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 debited from the account when water is extracted from a water source or traded out (sold). Total extraction from a work (pump, bore, etc.) is to be measured via metering or logbooks in accordance with the non-urban water metering regulations.

Carryover and individual account limits

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Water sharing plan rule summary sheet

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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 unless there is a flow equivalent to the full flow of water through a 200 mm pipe* at the site of extraction.
Take from in-river pools	Take is not permitted when the in-river 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 is not permitted when the off-river pool is below 80% of full capacity.

* This flow is equivalent to around 0.5 ML/day.

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 for each household supplied by the access licence.
Harvestable rights	From a runoff 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	Permitted, subject to assessment.
All surface water works	Not permitted within and 3 km upstream of Ramsar wetlands and within regionally 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.

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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	Additional 44 ML permitted.
Within water source	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 or 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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More information

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Rule Summary Sheet for the Tooma Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Unregulated Upper Murray
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 Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Tooma 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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- 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.) 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).

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Water sharing plan rule summary sheet

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Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water - Tooma River Management Zone

Type	Rules
Cease to take (A class)	Take of water is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class, which is when flows at the flow reference point are less than or equal to 79 ML/day.
Cease to take (B Class)	Take of water is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class or in A Class, which is when flows at the flow reference point are less than or equal to 297 ML/day.
Flow reference point	Tooma River at Pinegrove gauge (401014). For flow data at the reference gauge, go to: https://waterinsights.watarnsw.com.au .
Take from in-river pools	Take is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class or if 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 is not permitted when the off-river pool is below 80% of full capacity.

Table 2. Access rules for taking surface water - Tooma Tributaries Management Zone

Type	Rules
Cease to take	Take of water is not permitted unless there is a flow equivalent to the full flow of water through a 200 mm pipe* at the site of extraction.
Take from in-river pools	Take is not permitted when the in-river pool is below full capacity.

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Type	Rules
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 is not permitted when the off-river pool is below 80% of full capacity.

* This flow is equivalent to around 0.5 ML/day.

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 for each household supplied by the access licence.
Harvestable rights	From a runoff 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

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 4. Rules for constructing surface water supply works*

Type	Rules
In-river dams	Permitted, subject to assessment.
All surface water works	Not permitted within and 3 km upstream of Ramsar wetlands and within regionally 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: 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 5. Rules for trading into or within Tooma River Management Zone

Type	Rules
Into management zone	Permitted from other water sources and the Tooma Tributaries Management Zone subject to the sum of licence share components or water allocations for unregulated river licences and domestic and stock licences in the management zone not exceeding 1,547 ML, and the sum of licence share components or water allocations for all categories of licence in the management zone not exceeding 3,514 ML.
Within management zone	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 on the Significant Wetlands Map of the Plan.

Type	Rules
Within a Ramsar or significant wetland*	Permitted, subject to assessment.

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

Table 6. Table 6. Rules for trading into or within Tooma Tributaries Management Zone

Type	Rules
Into management zone	Permitted from other water sources and the Tooma River Management Zone subject to the sum of licence share components or water allocations for unregulated river licences and domestic and stock licences in the management zone not exceeding 62 ML.
Within management zone	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.

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

Other licence dealings

An unregulated river access licence in the Tooma River Management Zone may be converted to an unregulated river (high flow) access licence in the Tooma River Management Zone at a conversion rate of 1:1.

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 7. Rules for granting access licences

Type	Rules
Aboriginal cultural access licence	Permitted up to 10 ML/year per licence, subject to assessment.

More information

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

Rule Summary Sheet for the Tumbarumba Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Unregulated Upper Murray
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 Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Tumbarumba 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

Each water access licence has its own share component (volume of the licence) and a water allocation 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 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.

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. There are also measurement/metering obligations for unregulated river access licence holders that take overland flow that are aligned with the floodplain harvesting measurement 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 - Tumbarumba Upstream Management Zone

Type	Rules
Cease to take (A class)	Take of water is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class, which is when flows at the flow reference point are less than or equal to 14 ML/day.
Cease to take (B Class)	Take of water is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class or in A Class, which is when flows at the flow reference point are less than or equal to 79 ML/day.
Flow reference point	Tumbarumba Creek at Tumbarumba No.2 gauge (401007). For flow data at the reference gauge, go to: https://waterinsights.watarnsw.com.au .
Take from in-river pools	Take is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class or if 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 is not permitted when the off-river pool is below 80% of full capacity.

Table 2. Access rules for taking surface water - Tumbarumba Downstream Management Zone

Type	Rules
Cease to take (A class)	Take of water is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class, which is when flows at the flow reference point are less than or equal to 32 ML/day.
Cease to take (B Class)	Take of water is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class or in A Class, which is when flows at the flow reference point are less than or equal to 120 ML/day.

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Type	Rules
Flow reference point	Tumbarumba Creek at Tooma (Bakers) No.2 gauge (401024). For flow data at the reference gauge, go to: https://waterinsights.watarnsw.com.au .
Take from in-river pools	Take is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class or if 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 is not permitted when the off-river pool is below 80% of 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 for each household supplied by the access licence.
Harvestable rights	From a runoff 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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Table 4. Rules for constructing surface water supply works*

Type	Rules
In-river dams	Permitted, subject to assessment.
All surface water works	Not permitted within and 3 km upstream of Ramsar wetlands and within a regionally 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: see 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 Tumbarumba Upstream Management Zone

Type	Rules
Into management zone	Permitted from other water sources or from the Tumbarumba Downstream Management Zone subject to the sum of licence share components or water allocations of all categories of licence in the management zone not exceeding 1,934 ML.
Within management zone	Permitted, subject to assessment.
Interstate trade	Not permitted.

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

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

Table 6. Rules for trading into or within Tumbarumba Downstream Management Zone

Type	Rules
Into management zone	Permitted subject to - the sum of licence share components or water allocations for unregulated river access licences and domestic and stock access licences in the management zone not exceeding 966 ML, and - the sum of licence share components or water allocations for all categories of licence in the management zone not exceeding 1,797 ML.
Within management zone	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 on the Significant Wetlands Map of the Plan.
Within a Ramsar or significant wetland*	Permitted, subject to assessment.

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

Other licence dealings

An unregulated river access licence in the water source may be converted to an unregulated river (high flow) access licence in the water source at a conversion rate of 1:1.

Granting new licences

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Table 7. Rules for granting access licences

Type	Rules
Aboriginal cultural access licence	Permitted up to 10 ML/year per licence, subject to assessment.

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Rule Summary Sheet for the Upper Murray River Water Source

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Plan details

Water sharing plan:	Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024
Plan commencement:	1 July 2024
Term of plan:	10 years
Extraction Management Unit:	Unregulated Upper Murray
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 Murray Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 for the Upper Murray 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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Rules

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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, 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).

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Water sharing plan rule summary sheet

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Access rules

Table 1. Access rules for taking surface water

Type	Rules
Cease to take (A Class)	Take of water is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class, which is when flows at the flow reference point are less than or equal to 600 ML/day.
Flow reference point	Murray River at Jingellic gauge (401201A). For flow data at the reference gauge, go to: https://waterinsights.waternsw.com.au .
Take from in-river pools	Take is not permitted when flows are in the Very Low Flow Class or if 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 is not permitted when the off-river pool is below 80% of 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 for each household supplied by the access licence.

Type	Rules
Harvestable rights	From a runoff 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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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 in 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	Permitted, if from a water source in the same extraction management unit.
Within water source	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 on the Significant Wetlands Map of the Plan.
Within a Ramsar or significant wetland*	Permitted, subject to assessment.

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

Granting new licences

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