

BORDER RIVER WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

Department of Natural Resources and Water

Guideline Sheet: March 2009

INTERSCHEME TEMPORARY TRADING

TEMPORARY TRADING FROM THE MBWSS

Interpretations:

- (a) "BRWSS" means the Border Rivers Water Supply Scheme;
- (b) "MBWSS" means the Macintyre Brook Water Supply Scheme;
- (c) "ROL" means Resource Operations Licence for either BRWSS or MBWSS;
- (d) "ROP" means the Border Rivers Resource Operations Plan 2008 approved by the Governor in Council;
- (e) "Agreed Volume" means the volume of water approved through the MBWSS seasonal water assignment process to be delivered at the junction or confluence of the Macintyre Brook and the Dumaresq River (ie. downstream end of the regulated section of the MBWSS).

Service Description:

Seasonal Water Assignment (Interscheme) of a water allocation provides for a MBWSS water allocation holder to assign all or part of their water allocation to another person within the BRWSS for the remainder of the current water year.

General:

SunWater operates the Macintyre Brook Water Supply Scheme in accordance with the Resource Operation Licence (ROL) that was issued in March 2008 under Section 52 of the Border Rivers Resource Operations Plan 2008.

The Department of Natural Resources and Water (NRW) representing the State of Queensland operates the Border Rivers Water Supply Scheme in accordance with the Resource Operation Licence (ROL) that was issued in March 2008 under Section 53 of the Border Rivers Resource Operations Plan 2008

The provision for seasonal water assignment (Interscheme) of a water allocation is provided for under Section 121 of the Border Rivers Resource Operations Plan 2008. In accordance with this section, the ROL holder for the MBWSS and the ROL holder for BRWSS have developed an interim agreement to provide for temporary trading from the MBWSS to the BRWSS. It is the intention of the parties to develop a formal agreement for interscheme trading following the commencement of the Water Sharing Plan for the New South Wales Border Rivers Regulated River Water Source.

Approvals:

- The MBWSS customer must obtain approval for the seasonal water assignment (interscheme) of a water allocation from the MBWSS ROL holder.
- The BRWSS customer must obtain approval from the BRWSS ROL holder to take water within the BRWSS that has been sourced from the MBWSS under seasonal water assignment (applications must be made to the BRWSS ROL holder in the approved form; if the application is approved the applicant will be issued with an Interscheme Temporary Trading Notice).

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- The BRWSS ROL holder is required to confirm with the MBWSS ROL holder that the BRWSS ROL holder is prepared to accept delivery of the Agreed Volume.

Rules and Features:

- The volume of water that may be taken under the authority of an Interscheme Temporary Trading Notice may be less than the stated maximum volume on the notice. This will depend on location, seasonal conditions and system transmission losses associated with the delivery of the water at the time of the water order (i.e. water traded from the MBWSS must provide for its own losses within the BRWSS).
- The Interscheme Temporary Trading Notice (issued by the BRWSS ROL holder) will specify a maximum volume of water that may be taken based on the Agreed Volume of Water less a standard allowance of 10% for transmission losses within the BRWSS.
- However, if the system losses are in excess of the standard allowance of 10% at the time of placing a water order, the stated maximum volume of water on the notice will be reduced by the shortfall. (i.e. water traded from the MBWSS must provide for its own losses within the BRWSS).
- The holder of the interscheme temporary trading notice must not take water unless a water order has been placed with the BRWSS ROL holder in accordance with the normal procedure. Prior to placing the water order, it is strongly recommended that the holder of the interscheme temporary trading notice contacts the BRWSS ROL holder's operator regarding system losses associated with delivering the water order (i.e. satisfy themselves that they wish to proceed with the water order).
- An application for an interscheme temporary trading notice will not be approved unless the applicant has authorised works installed and an approved water meter fitted to the works to measure the volume of water taken.
- The agreed volume of water will be measured at the Booba Sands Gauging Station. This volume will be adjusted to allow for transmission losses and water use in the Macintyre Brook downstream to the junction of Macintyre Brook/ Dumaresq River.
- Interscheme Temporary Trading of a water allocation is not permitted where the water allocation would be traded from the MBWSS to Border Rivers Zone A.
- The water obtained through Interscheme Temporary Trading from the MBWSS must be taken within the water year that the approval is given. There is no provision to carry over water obtained through Interscheme Temporary Trading from one water year to the next.

Water Charges:

- BRWSS customers will be invoiced on a quarterly basis. The invoice will be based on the volume of water measured at the customers point of diversion and at a rate equivalent to Part B of the Water Charges set out in Schedule 14 of the Water Regulation 2002 for the Border Rivers Water Supply Scheme.