

# Inter-Management Area Trade

## LOWER LIMESTONE COAST PRESCRIBED WELLS AREA

From 1 July 2016, transfer of allocations between some management areas is permitted by the Lower Limestone Coast (LLC) Water Allocation Plan (WAP). This fact sheet has been prepared to assist water licence holders understand if they are able to transfer their allocations into another management area, and what they need to do to apply.

### INTER-MANAGEMENT AREA TRADE

From 1 July 2016, water licence holders in the Lower Limestone Coast Prescribed Wells Area (PWA) have the opportunity to transfer water allocations between management areas, where there are equivalent volumes or greater available in the receiving management area.

The transfer:

- a) Can be either permanent or temporary (for a maximum of 5 years);
- b) Cannot be into the 'Border Zone' - management areas (Zones 1A to 7A) or areas subject to allocation reductions.
- c) Can only be into a management area where there is allocation available (within the Total Management Limits - volumes available for consumption);
- d) Must pass hydrogeological assessment criteria;
- e) Is subject to regulated application fees. (Note: In the event that the application is refused, the fee is not refundable);
- f) Will require the applicant to apply for a water licence in the receiving management area, if a water licence is not held in that area.

### HOW DO I KNOW IF ALLOCATION VOLUMES ARE AVAILABLE?

Your allocation can only be transferred to another management area when there are volumes available within the Total Management Limits of the receiving management zone, which are defined in the WAP.

Information in regards to volumes available in each management area will be published on the Natural Resources South East website, and will be updated on a regular basis.

It is the water licence holder's responsibility to check if there is water available in the management area where they would like to transfer their allocation. Transfers can only be permitted if there is water available in the management area for allocation.

### IN WHAT ORDER ARE APPLICATIONS PROCESSED?

Applications for Inter Management Area Trade shall be processed by the Department in the order which they are received. Assessment will be on the basis of the following criteria:

1. *The date and time received at the Natural Resources South East office.*  
Each application will be time and date stamped by a Departmental officer upon receipt. Applications submitted in person (at the counter) will be dealt with on the same basis to those received via the daily post. That is, the time and date stamp will be the time received at the Natural Resources South East, Mount Gambier front counter.
2. *The postmark date*  
Where two applications for trade into the same management area are received and are equal after criteria 1, the application assessed first will be that of the earlier postmark (if applicable).
3. *The date that the application was signed.*  
Where two applications cannot be prioritised after criteria 1 and 2, the application assessed first will be that of the earliest date of signatory. Where more than one signatory date exists on an application the date will be the latest date.

The Department will maintain a record of the above criteria for each application received.

In accordance with the LLC WAP, the Department will not accept applications delivered or dated before 1 July 2016.

### MY ALLOCATION HAS BEEN REDUCED IN ANOTHER MANAGEMENT AREA- CAN I APPLY?

The LLC WAP schedules a program of allocation reductions in some management areas to manage long term extraction from the resource or in the case of Forest Water Allocations, reductions to allocations occurs on clear-fell

If your allocation has been reduced in a management area, the LLC WAP allows you to apply for a new allocation to be issued in another management area, if allocation is available. You are able to apply for a volume, less than or



equivalent to, the volume that your existing allocation was reduced.

The application for a new allocation in another management area following reductions, can only be made by the licence holder who was subject to the reductions.

Processing of transfer of reduced allocations will be in conjunction with Inter-Management Area Trade applications.

## APPLICATION FORMS

If you are applying to transfer an allocation to another management area, you will need to lodge an *Allocation Transfer Form*.

You may need to submit an *Application for a New Water Licence*, if you do not currently hold a licence in the receiving management area.

If you are applying for a new allocation in another management area following a reduction, you will need to lodge an *Application to Vary a Water Licence* and an *Application for a New Water Licence*, if one is not already held in that management area.

All applications are subject to a hydrogeological assessment and processing may take up to 8 weeks following the date of application.

Application forms can be found on the website at: <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/licences-andpermits/water-licence-and-permit-forms/south-east> or are available from the Natural Resources Centre in Mount Gambier.

## For more information

If you would like further information or need assistance submitting your application, please contact:

Water and Fauna Permits Program  
Mount Gambier Office  
**(08) 8735 1134**

Applications can be posted to:

**PO Box 1046,  
Mount Gambier  
SA 5290**

Or submitted in person to:

**Natural Resources Centre  
11 Helen Street  
Mount Gambier, SA**

[www.environment.sa.gov.au](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au)

