

Gunbar Private Water Supply Board

Policy 2 - Operational Rules for Water Delivery

GPWSB operates a water delivery system according to a set of Operational Rules that are determined by GPWSD's Board (Board). The Board reserves the right to review GPWSD's Operational Rules and, if deemed necessary, vary these rules at any time, to meet the Boards requirements and operate the scheme in an efficient and equitable manner.

Water Ordering and Delivery:

The ordering of river water for delivery into the GPWSB infrastructure is solely the responsibility of GPWSB Staff / or authority and it is carried out in accordance with regulations established by Water NSW (State Water Authority).

Taking water without notification or outside the granted period of access may result in a financial penalty as determined by the GPWSB Board at the time. The GPWSB reserves the right to withhold irrigation water delivery if a member has any outstanding fees and charges.

Delivery of water is to occur at a registered property outlet with an accepted metering device that has been installed in accordance with guidelines issued by the Gunbar Private Water Supply District for the purposes of accessing water allocation delivered to a property.

Carryover:

Any general security water not used within a season will be carried over by the GPWSB in accordance with the State Water Authority's seasonal carry over regulations unless the user applies for a temporary transfer of the seasonal balance into another Water Access Licence. There is no carry over on High Security (Stock & Domestic) water.

GPWSB System water transfers:

GPWSB members that hold water entitlement and allocation outside of the GPWSD, may transfer water allocation into the PSW for delivery to their landholding. A temporary transfer of water allocation from the members WAL to the GPWSB WAL must be completed before any water order or delivery can be made.

A transfer of allocation (temporary transfer) can be made through either:

1. A Term Transfer for 1 or more seasons of entitlement to the GPWSD; or
2. A temporary allocation transfer as irrigation water is available and required.

Water allocation transferred into the GPWSB will be subject to the current delivery charges set out in the GPWSB Schedule of Charges, published on the GPWSB website.

GPWSB members with Water Entitlement that wish to transfer available water allocation out of GPWSB to a member's WAL, must complete a temporary water transfer from the GPWSB WAL. All transfer costs (both those imposed by GPWSB and WaterNSW) will be borne by the member.

Members wishing to transfer allocation out of the GPWSB should contact PSW staff to obtain an accurate account of water remaining against their water entitlement, prior to completing the transfer forms.

Hay PSW transfer forms should be lodged with the PSW office accompanied by payment for all transfer fees to the GPWSD. The completion of transfer forms and payment of transfer fees is the sole responsibility of the member applicant. Incomplete forms or non-payment or incorrect payment of transfer fees may result in a delay in processing the application by the PSW Office.

Approval of temporary transfers of water allocation in and out of the GPWSB will be subject to satisfactory financial arrangements being made with the GPWSB for the payment of any outstanding fees and charges.

Once the application for temporary transfer of water off the GPWSB WAL has been approved by the GPWSD, the WaterNSW transfer forms will be completed by the PSW as the holder of the WAL. It will then be the responsibility of the member/customer to ensure that transfer forms are lodged with, and relevant fees are paid to WaterNSW.

Temporary transfer rules imposed by NSW Water Authorities may change and affect this policy. The risk and cost associated with NSW Government requirements will rest with the GPWSB member requesting the transfer.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this policy is accurate. The Hay PSW does not warrant the accuracy, reliability or completeness of the information and excludes liability for any decision or action taken on the basis of information included in or omitted from this policy document.

Internal transfer of water entitlement within the PSW must be lodged on the Hay PSW transfer form available on the PSW website, together with payment of the transfer fee.

Issue of Delivery Entitlements:

The PSW will assign a maximum upper limit to the number of Delivery Entitlements that can be issued within each section of the pipeline, which will relate to 100% of

the optimal operating capacity of the pipeline system. This will protect the integrity and value of Delivery Entitlements for all members/customers that own them. The maximum upper limit of DEs will be reviewed over time by the PSW Board.

The PSW will issue new DEs to any customer upon written request to the PSW Board, up to the maximum upper limit for the section of the pipeline in which the customers outlet/s are located. These DEs will attract the annual DE charges and be subject to termination fees.

In theory, the larger the number of DEs issued, the lower the cost per DE to own and hold, as the fixed costs to run the Hay PSW business are spread across a greater number of DEs. Full utilisation of the pipeline through the issue of a maximum number of DEs will benefit all customers through lower fees and charges.

If a customer requires more DEs than the PSW can issue (that is, the available number of DEs for that section of pipeline is fully allocated), the PSW Board will do their best to facilitate the transfer of DEs from willing transferees/sellers (if they exist) within the relevant sections of pipeline.

Customers choosing to transfer water allocation into the PSW on an annual basis and use the Casual Use rate of delivery charges, will be issued with temporary DEs by the PSW Board if there is spare capacity in the section of the pipeline in which the customers outlets are located. That is, the Maximum Upper Limit of DEs has not been reached for the relevant section of the pipeline.

If there is insufficient capacity in the pipeline to issue Temporary DEs, the PSW will facilitate the temporary trade of DEs from other customers where available. If there are insufficient DEs available through trade or transfer, customers using Casual Use rates will only receive water deliveries when the orders of DE owners are satisfied. That is Casual Use customers will take their place behind DE owners in times of delivery constraint.

Temporary DEs will extinguish at the end of the irrigation season (30 June) each year.

Carry over of water allocation traded into the PSW from another river licence may be available on the Hay PSW licence if there is capacity (water allocation attached to the Hay PSW WAL will be given priority for available carry over capacity). If there is capacity to carry over transferred allocation, this will be subject to a carry-over fee set by the PSW Board and based on current market prices for carry-over provisions. Any temporary DEs relating to carried over allocation will be extinguished at the end of the current season. New temporary DEs will be issued in the new season to attach to the carried over allocation.