

## Rules summary sheet for the Billabong Creek Alluvial Groundwater Source

### *Water Sharing Plan for the Murray Alluvial Groundwater Sources 2020*

**Table 1. Plan details**

<b>Water sharing plan</b>	Murray Alluvial Groundwater Sources 2020
<b>Plan commencement</b>	1 July 2020
<b>Term of the plan</b>	10 years

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**Table 2. Limits to the availability of water**

Limit	Explanation
Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 7,500 ML/year.
Compliance with the long-term average annual extraction limit	Average extractions for the preceding five-year period will be assessed against the LTAAEL. If growth in extractions causes the five-year average to exceed LTAAEL by more than 10%, maximum water account debits or available water determinations will be used to return the average extraction volume to the LTAAEL.
Available water determinations	Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at the start of each water year for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• domestic and stock, local water utility and, salinity and water table management access licences—100% of the share component unless the minister determines otherwise</li><li>• aquifer access licences—1 ML/unit share or a lower amount if required to return the five-year average extraction volume to the LTAAEL.</li></ul>

**Table 3. Rules for granting access licences**

Type	Rules
Granting of access licences	<p>Granting of specific purpose access licences may be considered for the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• specific purpose access licences under the <i>Water Management (General) Regulation 2018</i> (or any replacement regulation)</li> <li>• aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/year per application</li> <li>• salinity and water table management access licence.</li> </ul>

**Table 4. Rules for managing access licences**

Type	Rules
Carryover and account limit	<p>No carryover is permitted for domestic and stock, local water utility and salinity and water table management access licences.</p> <p>For aquifer access licences, carryover of up to 2 ML per unit share of the access licence share component is permitted to be carried over from one water year to the next water year, with a maximum account take limit of 3 ML per unit share of the access licence or a lower volume if required to return the five-year average extraction volume to the LTAAEL, plus any adjustments made for allocation assignments or water allocation re-credited into the account.</p>

**Table 5. Trading rules**

Trade type	Rules
<b>Into</b> groundwater source	Not permitted.
<b>Within</b> groundwater source	Permitted, subject to assessment.
<b>Out of</b> groundwater source	Not permitted.

**Table 6. Rules for water supply works approvals**

Type	Rules
<p>Rules to minimise interference between bores</p>	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals may not be granted or amended if the work is within the following distances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500 m of an existing bore, on another landholding in the same water source, that is used solely for basic landholder rights</li> <li>• 500 m of an existing bore, on another landholding in the same water source, that is not used solely for basic landholder rights</li> <li>• 250 m of the boundary of the property (unless written consent gained from neighbour)</li> <li>• 500 m of a local water utility or major water utility bore, in the same water source (unless written consent gained from the utility)</li> <li>• 500 m of a government monitoring or observation bore.</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply to replacement bores.</p>
<p>Rules for bores located near contamination sources</p>	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals may not be granted or amended if the work is located within the following distances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500 m of a contamination source</li> <li>• 250 m of the edge of a plume associated with a contamination source</li> <li>• between 250 m and 500 m from the edge of a plume associated with a contamination source unless no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume</li> <li>• 250 m of an on-site sewage disposal system.</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 2 of the plan.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules apply to new and replacement bores and bores used solely for basic landholder rights.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply for bores that are to be used for monitoring, environmental remediation activities or emergency services.</p>

Type	Rules
<p>Rules for bores located near high-priority, groundwater-dependent ecosystems</p>	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals may not be granted or amended if the work is within the following distances of any high-priority, groundwater-dependent ecosystem (GDE), or a river:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river</li> <li>• 200 m of a high priority GDE for bores that are not used solely for basic landholder rights.</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> High-priority GDEs (vegetation ecosystems) are defined on the legal map (full colour and zoomable) found at <a href="http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au">http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au</a>. An overview of this map can be found in Appendix 2 of the plan.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply to replacement bores.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply for bores that are to be used for monitoring, environmental remediation activities or emergency services.</p>
<p>Rules for bores located near groundwater-dependent, culturally significant areas</p>	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals may not be granted or amended if the work is located within the following distances of a groundwater-dependent, culturally significant area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 200 m for bores not used for solely basic landholder rights.</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Groundwater-dependent, culturally significant areas may be identified during the term of the plan. Aboriginal people may also identify culturally significant areas when applications for new or amended water supply works are advertised. Potential groundwater-dependent, culturally significant areas will be considered in the assessment of any application for a water supply work approval within the area of the plan.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply to replacement bores.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply for bores that are to be used for monitoring, environmental remediation activities or emergency services.</p>

Type	Rules
Rules for bores used solely for basic landholder rights	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals used solely for basic landholder rights may not be granted or amended if the work is within the following distances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100 m of a government monitoring or observation bore</li> <li>• 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river</li> <li>• 100 m of a high-priority GDE</li> <li>• 100 m of a groundwater-dependent, culturally significant area.</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply to replacement bores.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> High-priority GDEs (vegetation ecosystems) are defined on the legal map (full colour and zoomable) found at <a href="http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au">http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au</a>. An overview of this map can be found in Appendix 2 of the plan.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Groundwater-dependent, culturally significant areas may be identified during the term of the plan. Aboriginal people may also identify culturally significant areas when applications for new or amended water supply works are advertised. Potential groundwater-dependent, culturally significant areas will be considered in the assessment of any application for a water supply work approval within the area of the plan.</p>
Rules for replacement groundwater works	<p>Replacement groundwater works means a water supply work that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• will replace an existing authorised water supply work, constructed to extract groundwater from same groundwater source and at same depth of existing works</li> <li>• within 20 m of existing works, and no closer to top of high riverbank if within 40 m from top of high riverbank</li> <li>• will have no greater internal diameter or excavation footprint than existing works.</li> </ul>

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## Rules summary sheet for the Lower Murray Groundwater Source

### *Water Sharing Plan for the Murray Alluvial Groundwater Sources 2020*

**Table 1. Plan details**

<b>Water sharing plan</b>	Murray Alluvial Groundwater Sources 2020
<b>Plan commencement</b>	1 July 2020
<b>Term of the plan</b>	10 years

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**Table 2. Limits to the availability of water**

<b>Limit</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 88,900 ML/year.
Compliance with the long-term average annual extraction limit	Average extractions for the preceding five-year period will be assessed against the LTAAEL. If growth in extractions causes the five-year average to exceed LTAAEL by more than 5%, maximum water account debits or available water determinations will be used to return the average extraction volume to the LTAAEL.
Available water determinations	Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at the start of each water year for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• domestic and stock, and local water utility access licences—100% of the share component unless the minister determines otherwise</li><li>• aquifer access licences—1 ML/unit share or a lower amount if required to return the five-year average extraction volume to the LTAAEL.</li></ul>

**Table 3. Rules for granting access licences**

Type	Rules
Granting of access licences	<p>Granting of specific purpose access licences may be considered for the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• specific purpose access licences under the <i>Water Management (General) Regulation 2018</i> (or any replacement regulation)</li> <li>• aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/year per application.</li> </ul>

**Table 4. Rules for managing access licences**

Type	Rules
Carryover and account limit	<p>No carryover is permitted for domestic and stock and local water utility access licences.</p> <p>For aquifer access licences, carryover of up to 2 ML per unit share of the access licence share component is permitted to be carried over from one water year to the next water year, with a maximum account take limit of 1.5 ML per unit share of the access licence or a lower volume if required to return the five-year average extraction volume to the LTAAEL, plus any adjustments made for allocation assignments or water allocation re-credited into the account.</p>

**Table 5. Trading rules**

Trade type	Rules
<b>Into</b> groundwater source	Not permitted.
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**Table 6. Rules for water supply works approvals**

Type	Rules
<p>Rules to minimise interference between bores</p>	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals may not be granted or amended if the work is within the following distances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 400 m of an existing bore, on another landholding in the same water source, that is used solely for basic landholder rights</li> <li>• 1,000 m of an existing bore, on another landholding in the same water source, that is not used solely for basic landholder rights</li> <li>• 500 m of the boundary of the property (unless written consent gained from neighbour)</li> <li>• 1,000 m of a local water utility or major water utility bore, in the same water source (unless written consent gained from the utility)</li> <li>• 500 m of a government monitoring or observation bore.</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply to replacement bores.</p>
<p>Rules for bores located near contamination sources</p>	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals may not be granted or amended if the work is located within the following distances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500 m of a contamination source</li> <li>• 250 m of the edge of a plume associated with a contamination source</li> <li>• between 250 m and 500 m from the edge of a plume associated with a contamination source unless no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume</li> <li>• 250 m of an on-site sewage disposal system.</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 2 of the plan.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules apply to new and replacement bores and bores used solely for basic landholder rights.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply for bores that are to be used for monitoring, environmental remediation activities or emergency services.</p>

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<p>Rules for bores located near high-priority, groundwater-dependent ecosystems</p>	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals may not be granted or amended if the work is within the following distances of any high-priority, groundwater-dependent ecosystem (GDE), or a river:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river</li> <li>• 200 m of a high-priority GDE for bores that are not used solely for basic landholder rights.</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> High-priority GDEs (vegetation ecosystems) are defined on the legal map (full colour and zoomable) found at <a href="http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au">http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au</a>. An overview of this map can be found in Appendix 2 of the plan.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply to replacement bores.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply for bores that are to be used for monitoring, environmental remediation activities or emergency services.</p>
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Type	Rules
<p>Rules for bores used solely for basic landholder rights</p>	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals used solely for basic landholder rights may not be granted or amended if the work is within the following distances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100 m of a government monitoring or observation bore</li> <li>• 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river</li> <li>• 100 m of a high-priority GDE</li> <li>• 100 m of a groundwater-dependent, culturally significant area.</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply to replacement bores.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> High-priority GDEs (vegetation ecosystems) are defined on the legal map (full colour and zoomable) found at <a href="http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au">http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au</a>. An overview of this map can be found in Appendix 2 of the plan.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Groundwater-dependent, culturally significant areas may be identified during the term of the plan. Aboriginal people may also identify culturally significant areas when applications for new or amended water supply works are advertised. Potential groundwater-dependent, culturally significant areas will be considered in the assessment of any application for a water supply work approval within the area of the plan.</p>
<p>Rules for replacement groundwater works</p>	<p>Replacement groundwater works means a water supply work that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• will replace an existing authorised water supply work, constructed to extract groundwater from same groundwater source and at same depth of existing works</li> <li>• within 20 m of existing works, and no closer to top of high riverbank if within 40 m from top of high riverbank</li> <li>• will have no greater internal diameter or excavation footprint than existing works.</li> </ul>

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## Rules summary sheet for the Lower Murray Shallow Groundwater Source

### *Water Sharing Plan for the Murray Alluvial Groundwater Sources 2020*

**Table 1. Plan details**

<b>Water sharing plan</b>	Murray Alluvial Groundwater Sources 2020
<b>Plan commencement</b>	1 July 2020
<b>Term of the plan</b>	10 years

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**Table 2. Limits to the availability of water**

Limit	Explanation
Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 81,893 ML/year.
Compliance with the long-term average annual extraction limit	Average extractions for the preceding five-year period will be assessed against the LTAAEL. If growth in extractions causes the five-year average to exceed LTAAEL by more than 10%, maximum water account debits or available water determinations will be used to return the average extraction volume to the LTAAEL.
Available water determinations	Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at the start of each water year for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>domestic and stock, local water utility and, salinity and water table management access licences—100% of the share component unless the minister determines otherwise</li><li>aquifer access licences—1 ML/unit share or a lower amount if required to return the five-year average extraction volume to the LTAAEL.</li></ul>

**Table 3. Rules for granting access licences**

Type	Rules
Granting of access licences	<p>Granting of specific purpose access licences may be considered for the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• specific purpose access licences under the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018 (or any replacement regulation)</li> <li>• aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/year per application</li> <li>• salinity and water table management access licence.</li> </ul>

**Table 4. Rules for managing access licences**

Type	Rules
Carryover and account limit	<p>No carryover is permitted for domestic and stock, local water utility and salinity and water table management access licences.</p> <p>For aquifer access licences, carryover of up to 1 ML per unit share of the access licence share component is permitted to be carried over from one water year to the next water year, with a maximum account take limit of 1.5 ML per unit share of the access licence or a lower volume if required to return the five-year average extraction volume to the LTAAEL, plus any adjustments made for allocation assignments or water allocation re-credits into the account.</p>

**Table 5. Trading rules**

Trade type	Rules
<b>Into</b> groundwater source	Not permitted.
<b>Within</b> groundwater source	Generally permitted, subject to assessment, except prohibited when from the Lower Murray Shallow (Western) Management Zone to the Lower Murray Shallow (Eastern) Management Zone.
<b>Out of</b> groundwater source	Not permitted.

**Table 6. Rules for water supply works approvals**

Type	Rules
<p>Rules to minimise interference between bores</p>	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals may not be granted or amended if the work is within the following distances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 400 m of an existing bore, on another landholding in the same water source, that is used solely for basic landholder rights</li> <li>• 400 m of an existing bore, on another landholding in the same water source that is not used solely for basic landholder rights</li> <li>• 200 m of the boundary of the property (unless written consent gained from neighbour)</li> <li>• 1,000 m of a local water utility or major water utility bore, in the same water source (unless written consent gained from the utility)</li> <li>• 200 m of a government monitoring or observation bore</li> <li>• 100 metres of an irrigation channel (unless written consent gained from rural water service provider).</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply to replacement bores.</p>
<p>Rules for bores located near contamination sources</p>	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals may not be granted or amended if the work is located within the following distances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500 m of a contamination source</li> <li>• 250 m of the edge of a plume associated with a contamination source</li> <li>• between 250 m and 500 m from the edge of a plume associated with a contamination source unless no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume</li> <li>• 250 m of an on-site sewage disposal system.</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 2 of the plan.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules apply to new and replacement bores and bores used solely for basic landholder rights.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply for bores that are to be used for monitoring, environmental remediation activities or emergency services.</p>

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<p>Rules for bores located near high-priority, groundwater-dependent ecosystems</p>	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals may not be granted or amended if the work is within the following distances of any high-priority, groundwater-dependent ecosystem (GDE), or a river:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river</li> <li>• 200 m of a high-priority GDE for bores that are not used solely for basic landholder rights.</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> High-priority GDEs (vegetation ecosystems) are defined on the legal map (full colour and zoomable) found at <a href="http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au">http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au</a>. An overview of this map can be found in Appendix 2 of the plan.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply to replacement bores.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply for bores that are to be used for monitoring, environmental remediation activities or emergency services.</p>
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Rules for bores used solely for basic landholder rights	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals used solely for basic landholder rights may not be granted or amended if the work is within the following distances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100 m of a government monitoring or observation bore</li> <li>• 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river</li> <li>• 100 m of a high-priority GDE</li> <li>• 100 m of a groundwater-dependent, culturally significant area.</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply to replacement bores.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> High-priority GDEs (vegetation ecosystems) are defined on the legal map (full colour and zoomable) found at <a href="http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au">http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au</a>. An overview of this map can be found in Appendix 2 of the plan.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Groundwater-dependent, culturally significant areas may be identified during the term of the plan. Aboriginal people may also identify culturally significant areas when applications for new or amended water supply works are advertised. Potential groundwater-dependent, culturally significant areas will be considered in the assessment of any application for a water supply work approval within the area of the plan.</p>
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## Rules summary sheet for the Upper Murray Groundwater Source

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Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 14,109 ML/year.
Compliance with the long-term average annual extraction limit	Average extractions for the preceding five-year period will be assessed against the LTAAEL. If growth in extractions causes the five-year average to exceed LTAAEL by more than 10%, maximum water account debits or available water determinations will be used to return the average extraction volume to the LTAAEL.
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**Table 3. Rules for granting access licences**

Type	Rules
Granting of access licences	<p>Granting of access licences may be considered for the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• specific purpose access licences under the <i>Water Management (General) Regulation 2018</i> (or any replacement regulation)</li> <li>• aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/year per application.</li> </ul>

**Table 4. Rules for managing access licences**

Type	Rules
Carryover and account limit	<p>No carryover is permitted for domestic and stock and local water utility access licences.</p> <p>For aquifer access licences, carryover of up to 0.74 ML per unit share of the access licence share component is permitted to be carried over from one water year to the next water year, with a maximum account take limit of 1.37 ML per unit share of the access licence or a lower volume if required to return the five-year average extraction volume to the LTAAEL plus any adjustments made for allocation assignments or water allocation re credited into the account.</p>

**Table 5. Trading rules**

Trade type	Rules
<b>Into</b> groundwater source	Not permitted.
<b>Within</b> groundwater source	Permitted, subject to assessment.
<b>Out of</b> groundwater source	Not permitted.

**Table 6. Rules for water supply works approvals**

Type	Rules
<p>Rules to minimise interference between bores</p>	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals may not be granted or amended if the work is within the following distances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 400 m of an existing bore, on another landholding in the same water source, that is used solely for basic landholder rights</li> <li>• 1,000 m of an existing bore, on another landholding in the same water source, that is not used solely for basic landholder rights</li> <li>• 500 m of the boundary of the property (unless written consent gained from neighbour)</li> <li>• 1,000 m of a local water utility or major water utility bore, in the same water source (unless written consent gained from the utility)</li> <li>• 500 m of a government monitoring or observation bore.</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply to replacement bores.</p>
<p>Rules for bores located near contamination sources</p>	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals may not be granted or amended if the work is located within the following distances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500 m of a contamination source</li> <li>• 250 m of the edge of a plume associated with a contamination source</li> <li>• between 250 m and 500 m from the edge of a plume associated with a contamination source unless no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume</li> <li>• 250 m of an on-site sewage disposal system.</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 2 of the plan.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules apply to new and replacement bores and bores used solely for basic landholder rights.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply for bores that are to be used for monitoring, environmental remediation activities or emergency services.</p>

Type	Rules
<p>Rules for bores located near high-priority, groundwater-dependent ecosystems</p>	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals may not be granted or amended if the work is within the following distances of any high-priority, groundwater-dependent ecosystem (GDE), or a river:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river</li> <li>• 200 m of a high-priority GDE for bores that are not used solely for basic landholder rights.</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> High-priority GDEs (vegetation ecosystems) are defined on the legal map (full colour and zoomable) found at <a href="http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au">http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au</a>. An overview of this map can be found in Appendix 2 of the plan.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply to replacement bores.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply for bores that are to be used for monitoring, environmental remediation activities or emergency services.</p>
<p>Rules for bores located near groundwater-dependent, culturally significant areas</p>	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals may not be granted or amended if the work is located within the following distances of a groundwater-dependent, culturally significant area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 200 m for bores not used solely for basic landholder rights.</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Groundwater-dependent, culturally significant areas may be identified during the term of the plan. Aboriginal people may also identify culturally significant areas when applications for new or amended water supply works are advertised. Potential groundwater-dependent, culturally significant areas will be considered in the assessment of any application for a water supply work approval within the area of the plan.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply to replacement bores.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply for bores that are to be used for monitoring, environmental remediation activities or emergency services.</p>

Type	Rules
<p>Rules for bores used solely for basic landholder rights</p>	<p>Water supply work (bores) approvals used solely for basic landholder rights may not be granted or amended if the work is within the following distances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100 m of a government monitoring or observation bore</li> <li>• 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river</li> <li>• 100 m of a high-priority GDE</li> <li>• 100 m of a groundwater-dependent, culturally significant area.</li> </ul> <p>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> These rules do not apply to replacement bores.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> High-priority GDEs (vegetation ecosystems) are defined on the legal map (full colour and zoomable) found at <a href="http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au">http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au</a>. An overview of this map can be found in Appendix 2 of the plan.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Groundwater-dependent, culturally significant areas may be identified during the term of the plan. Aboriginal people may also identify culturally significant areas when applications for new or amended water supply works are advertised. Potential groundwater-dependent, culturally significant areas will be considered in the assessment of any application for a water supply work approval within the area of the plan.</p>
<p>Rules for replacement groundwater works</p>	<p>Replacement groundwater works means a water supply work that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• will replace an existing authorised water supply work, constructed to extract groundwater from same groundwater source and at same depth of existing works</li> <li>• within 20 m of existing works, and no closer to top of high riverbank if within 40 m from top of high riverbank</li> <li>• will have no greater internal diameter or excavation footprint than existing works.</li> </ul>

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