

Water Sharing Plan for the Peel Valley

Water Sharing Plans made under the NSW Water Management Act 2000 (WM Act) continue to be the primary tool for water-sharing arrangements.

Due to its expiry on 30 June 2020, changes have been made to the arrangements to the *Water Sharing Plan for the Peel Regulated, Unregulated, Alluvial and Fractured Rock Water Source 2010* to:

- align the water sources with the water resource plans (WRP) for meeting the requirements of Chapter 10 of the Basin Plan 2012 and
- respond to the 10-year review by Natural Resource Commission (NRC)

Changes are effective from 1 July 2020.

Changes to the alignment with the water sources

The four water sources in the *Water Sharing Plan for the Peel Regulated, Unregulated, Alluvial and Fractured Rock Water Source 2010* have been split from a single plan and merged into the following water sharing plans:

- The Peel Regulated River Water Source remains in the *Water Sharing Plan for Peel Regulated River Water Source 2010*.
- The Peel Unregulated River Water Sources have been incorporated into the *Water Sharing Plan for the Namoi and Peel Unregulated Rivers Water Source 2012*.
- The Peel Alluvium Water Source has been incorporated into the *Water Sharing Plan for the Namoi Alluvial Groundwater Sources 2020*.
- The Peel Valley Fractured Rock Water Source has been incorporated into the *Water Sharing Plan for the NSW Murray–Darling Basin Fractured Rock Groundwater Sources 2020*.

Changes in response to the NRC review

The *Water Sharing Plan for the Peel Regulated River Water Source 2010* has been extended for two years until 30 June 2022. The plan must be replaced by this date. This extension ensures that the water sharing plan remains in force and allows the Department time to further consider and respond to the recommendations made by the NRC.

The Natural Resources Commission recommended replacing the *Water Sharing Plan for the Peel Regulated, Unregulated, Alluvial and Fractured Rock Water Source 2010* in a staged manner, addressing four priority recommendation by 1 July 2020 and addressing the remaining recommendations over the next two years across the four water sharing plans that now apply to the water sources in the Peel Valley.

The Department has considered, and where applicable acted on, the four priority recommendations and noted the remaining to be considered over the next two years. If further changes are required for the water sharing plans, consultation on the changes will occur.