

Rules summary sheet: Lower Murray–Darling Water Source

Water Sharing Plan for the Lower Murray–Darling Unregulated River Water Source 2011

Plan commencement	30 January 2012
Term of the plan	10 years

Important: This factsheet summarises the rules contained in the *Water Sharing Plan for the Lower Murray–Darling Unregulated River Water Source 2011*. It is intended as a guide only. Works approvals and access licences also contain conditions that holders must comply with. You can access this information from your ‘Statement of Approval’ or ‘Statement of Conditions’ or alternatively via <https://waterregister.waternsw.com.au/water-register-frame>.

Access Rules

Access rules for rivers and creeks

Cease to pump	<p>Pumping is not permitted when there is less than a visible flow</p> <p>Note: ‘Visible flow’ means the continuous downstream movement of water that is perceptible to the eye</p> <p>Note: These rules apply to all extraction from rivers and creeks excluding extraction from natural in-river pools</p>
Reference point	At the pump site

Access rules for natural in-river and off-river pools

Cease to pump	<p>Pumping is not permitted when the water level in the pool is lower than its full capacity</p> <p>Note: ‘Full capacity’ can be approximated by the pool water level at the point where there is no visible flow into and out of that pool</p> <p>Note: In-river pools are those found within the channels of rivers and creeks</p> <p>Note: Off-river pools are those located on flood runners or floodplains, or an effluent that only commences to flow during high flows, and include lakes, lagoons and billabongs</p>
Reference point	Individual in-river or off-river pool

Access rules for Thegoa Lagoon and lagoons listed in Schedule 3

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Cease to pump	<p>Pumping is not permitted when the water level in the lagoon is lower than 50% of its full containment volume</p> <p>Note: 'Full containment volume' means the volume of water that is impounded when the level of the water in the lagoon is at the high water mark</p> <p>Note: Additional restrictions on pumping from Thegoa Lagoon when above 50% full are at clause 41(8) of the plan. These rules protect environmental diversions into Thegoa lagoon.</p>
Reference point	Individual off-river pool

Notes:

These access rules do not apply:

1. If an existing *Water Act 1912* entitlement had more stringent access licence conditions. Those existing conditions are carried forward under the plan.
2. To local water utility or unregulated river ("Town water supply") access licences
3. To water taken for domestic consumption by stock and domestic access licences
4. To water taken from existing dams. Any existing conditions on works approvals or access licences associated with a dam are carried forward under the plan.

Trading rules

Trade type	Rules
Into water source	Not permitted
Within water source	Trades are permitted, subject to assessment. Trades are not permitted into off-river pools, including lagoons. Trades between the lagoons listed in Schedule 3 are not permitted.
Interstate	Not permitted.

More information about the *Water Sharing Plan for the Lower Murray-Darling Unregulated River Water Source 2011* is available at the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's website: www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water

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