



## Media Release

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### **Carryover Checklist to assist G-MW customers plan for 2009/10**

With customers now able to carryover allocation equivalent to 50% of their high and also their low reliability water shares, Goulburn-Murray Water (G-MW) has issued a Carryover Checklist and is urging customers to discuss their plans for carryover with their local G-MW staff should they require further information or have any questions.

According to G-MW General Manager Operations Ian Moorhouse, carryover now provides all G-MW water users, including irrigators, with the opportunity to start the 2009/10 season with at least half of their high reliability water entitlement already secured in storage.

"With the experience of the past few seasons, carryover offers an important mechanism for managing farm risk, and providing some certainty for the coming season," said Mr Moorhouse.

#### **Access to carryover**

Mr Moorhouse acknowledged that 0% allocations at the start of the 2008/09 season triggered some confusion regarding whether customers could access their carryover. Earlier this week, G-MW flagged the prospect of 0% allocations again for all systems at the start of the 2009/10 season, if conditions remain dry.

"It's important that everyone understands that the rules for accessing carryover are the same as in 2008/09. There is no guarantee that carryover water can be delivered. Delivery can begin once the supply system serving a customer's property is operating," Mr Moorhouse said.

If conditions remain dry, there are four further points customers needed to consider regarding access to their carryover water.

1. Delivery of carryover is not dependent on a starting allocation for the 2009/10 season.
2. Customers on the regulated Murray and Goulburn rivers should be able to access their carryover from the start of the season as these rivers will need to run to deliver critical supplies to towns and interstate.
3. G-MW will try to deliver carryover to customers on the smaller river systems and in the channel irrigation areas and pumped irrigation systems wherever this can be done within the volume of water available for system operations.
4. G-MW may have to manage requests for delivery of carryover on the smaller river systems and in the channel irrigation areas on a case by case basis and customers will need to discuss their plans with G-MW closer to the start of the next season when the situation will be clearer.

***G-MW's Carryover Checklist is available from the G-MW website or from local G-MW offices across the region.***

The Check list is a starting point and customers are encouraged to seek further advice to ensure they are fully informed before making decisions for their individual business operations. G-MW staff can provide some guidance but they cannot advise customers on what is best for their individual circumstances.

*In 2008/09 carryover was expanded from its trial in the Murray and Goulburn systems, to include the Broken, Campaspe, Loddon and Bullarook Creek systems. A total of 272,800 ML of 2007/08 allocation was carried over by G-MW and other Victorian Murray system customers for use this season. At 16 February 2009, more than 550,000 ML of allocation held by G-MW and other Victorian Murray system customers is yet to be delivered. These resources are available for use, trade or carryover, and are detailed by system at [www.g-mwater.com.au](http://www.g-mwater.com.au).*

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1. **System Carryover** of unused allocation is available to customers on the Goulburn, Murray, Campaspe, Loddon, Broken and Bullarook regulated systems.
2. **Linked ABA** To carryover your unused allocation the allocation must be held in an Allocation Bank Account (ABA) that is linked to a water share, a supply by agreement, or a limited term transfer of a water share linked ABA. You cannot carry over allocation against limited term transfer if it expires this season, that is, before 1 July 2009.
3. **Carryover limits** You can carryover a maximum volume equivalent to 50% of your High Reliability Water Shares (HRWS) and 50% of your Low Reliability Water Shares (LRWS).
4. **Do I need to apply for carryover?** No, unused 2008/09 allocation in a linked ABA at 30 June 2009 will be automatically carried over to 2009/10 season, as follows
  - Your unused allocation will first be carried over and recorded against your HRWS - up to 50% of your HRWS.
  - Any additional unused allocation will then be carried over and recorded against your LRWS - up to 50% of your LRWS.

Before the end of the 2008/09 year, please ensure any allocation you intend to carryover is in the correct linked ABA.
5. If you want to carry over more water than equivalent to 50% of your HRWS and 50% of your LRWS, you will need to transfer the extra allocation to another ABA. Alternatively you can use or sell this excess water before the end of the 2008/09 season.
6. Unused allocation that is not carried over by individual customers will return to the pool to meet needs for the 2009/10 season – including new season allocations.
7. **Evaporation Loss** On 1 July 2009, 5% will be deducted from your carryover volume to cover evaporation losses.
  - For example, if you carry over 100 ML you will have 95 ML at the start of the 2009/10 season.
8. **Impact on 2009/10 Allocations** If, during the course of next season, the sum of your HRWS carryover (as at 1 July 2009) and 2009/10 HRWS allocation reaches 100% of your HRWS volume, you will not receive any further 2009/10 HRWS allocation.
  - The point at which you will stop receiving further allocation will not change if you sell or use allocation, or sell entitlement during the 2009/10 season.
  - The same principle applies to LRWS carryover.
  - For example, if you carry over the equivalent of 50% of your HRWS, you will start the 2009/10 season with 47.5% after the 5% evaporation allowance is deducted. Once the 2009/10 HRWS allocation reaches 52.5% you will not receive further HRWS allocation improvements for the remainder of the 2009/10 season.
9. **Trading carryover** From July 2009, you can trade the allocation you have carried over, or purchase allocation someone else has carried over.

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## Carryover Checklist continued

**10. Delivery** Once the supply system that services your property is operating you can take delivery of your carryover. You don't have to wait for a HRWS or LRWS allocation in order to access any or all of your carryover.

If conditions remain dry:

- Customers on the main regulated Murray and Goulburn rivers should be able to access their carryover from the start of the season as these rivers will need to run to deliver critical supplies to towns and interstate.
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## Can I carry over my unused 2008/09 allocation?

