



# Fact Sheet

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## 2009/10 Ballot – Important Information

On Monday 6 July 2009 Goulburn-Murray Water will conduct a ballot at its Tatura Office to determine the processing order for water share transfer applications that will be affected by 2009/10 caps.

Applications subject to the 4% limit on permanent trade out of irrigation districts, and the 10% cap on water shares that that may be held separately to land will be included in the ballot process.

(Although the Government has announced its intention to legislate to remove the 10% limit, this may not occur for a few months).

Applications must be submitted between 8.00am on Wednesday 17 June 2009 and 4.00pm on Friday 3 July 2009 to be considered in the ballot.

### Submitting applications for the ballot

- Applications can be submitted either by mail or hand delivered to G-MW's Tatura, Shepparton, Cobram, Kerang and Rochester Offices and at Lower Murray Water's Mildura office.
- Applications will not be checked by staff for accuracy before the ballot is conducted.
- Applicants must meet all requirements listed on the application form.
- A checklist of requirements is available from G-MW offices and the G-MW website (<http://www.g-mwater.com.au/customer-services/water-trading>)
- Applicants will be notified by letter that their application has been received.
- Sellers should note that 2009/10 entitlement storage fees are levied on 1 July 2009 and must be paid prior to transfer.
- Multiple applications for the same water share are not permitted. If multiple applications are received only one will be eligible for the ballot (chosen by a pre-ballot random process).

### Conducting the ballot

- The ballot will be conducted on Monday 6 July 2009 at G-MW's Tatura Office.
- An independent auditor will oversee the operation of the ballot.
- The ballot will allocate a unique number to each application. The number will determine the order for processing applications.
- The order of processing will not be made public.

### Processing of applications

- Once the ballot has determined the processing order, applications will be processed subject to the normal rules.
- Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application (approved/ refused or 'with applicant') in the usual way.
- If and when the cap is reached in a particular irrigation area or in the non-water user limit, any remaining applications in the processing queue will be returned to the applicant with the application fees.
- Any incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant with the fee and will be given the status of 'With Applicant'. These applications will lose their place in the processing queue.
- Normal rules will apply to incomplete applications and applicants will have 60 days to resubmit the application with the necessary requirements if they wish to proceed with it.
- Any application which is processed in the ballot and refused will be subject to normal refusal policies and fees will not be refunded to applicants.

### Applications received after 3 July 2009

- The ballot process determines the order for processing water share transfer applications received during the ballot application period only.
- Customers are reminded that where 4% and 10% caps are not taken up by ballot applications, opportunities to transfer water shares will continue throughout the 2009/10 season.