

Broken System

Improved Water Management Tools



Water allocation trading and carryover rules on the Broken System are changing from 1 July this year.

If you're impacted by this change you must prepare your water allocation now. The information below will help you understand the changes and the actions you need to take.

Who does this impact?

Customers in the Broken System, specifically trading zone 2 (previously known as 2A and 2B).

This does not include Customers in zone 6B on the Lower Broken Creek.

If you're uncertain what area you are in please contact GMW on 1800 013 357.

Carryover Changes

At the end of the 2013/2014 season Broken System customers can carryover a maximum volume equal to 50% of their high-reliability water share. They can no longer carryover against their low-reliability water share.

Why?

Low-reliability water shares are not supported by storage capacity early in the season. Allowing carryover against these entitlements can reduce high-reliability allocations at the start of the season.

The change improves the reliability of water enabling farmers to have access to water earlier in the season. This means irrigators can start planning earlier and have greater flexibility.



What do I do?

This change affects water carried over from the end of the 2013/14 season onwards. So you must prepare your allocation and water shares now.

Before 30 June, make sure your water is in an allocation account linked to your water share. If it isn't, any unused allocation will be written off at the end of the 2013/14 season.

You can plan by using the carryover calculator on the Victorian Water Register website. The calculator helps you to understand your carryover options www.waterregister.vic.gov.au

If you do not wish to carryover you can sell or relinquish your allocation. There is no charge to relinquish water, please contact Goulburn-Murray Water for assistance.

Important dates:

The last day for ordering water
20 June 2014

The last day to submit Water Share applications
30 May 2014

The last day to submit allocation trade applications
20 June 2014

Trading Changes

Customers on the Broken System will have more flexibility to trade allocation from 1 July 2014 however some limitations will apply. This will enable trade from the Broken System to the lower Goulburn and downstream subject to volume and date limits.

The volume and date limits on trade out of allocation in the 2014/15 season will be;

- Undelivered trade-out must not exceed 1,500 ML
- No trade after 31 March and before 1 July in any year.

Why?

Currently trading opportunities in the Broken System are very restrictive, but the changes will allow customers the ability to manage their business resources in a more economical way.

The limits are necessary for the effective delivery of allocation traded to downstream users without impacting the environmental values of the lower Broken River.

What do I do?

The available trade opportunity can be found on www.waterregister.vic.gov.au (from 1 July 2014).



Need help?

If you are uncertain if the changes will impact you or you need help to prepare please call GMW on **1800 013 357**.

Background

These changes are the result of a review completed by the Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Goulburn-Murray Water and Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, which commenced in 2011.

The review was required by the Northern Region Sustainable Water Strategy. It was also prompted by concerns raised by the Goulburn Broken Regional Water Services Committee about the reliability of supply following the decommissioning of Lake Mokoan in 2009.

The Minister for Water Peter Walsh recently approved these changes and they will take effect on 1 July 2014.

A sub-committee of the Goulburn-Broken Regional Water Services Committee has been a driving force in making this change happen. It is a great example of the positive impact Water Services Committees are making on behalf of GMW customers.

