

Delivery Shares

Delivery shares are used in the Goulburn-Murray Irrigation districts as a way of providing rights to irrigators to access water delivery infrastructure via a channel or piped network.

Delivery share is part of the fixed charges paid by irrigators, and guarantees the holder access to the irrigation system. It helps to share the costs of operation and maintenance across all water users within the system.

Delivery share also ensures all customers receive a fair supply during peak irrigation demand through a process called “rationing”. Rationing is required during periods when total customer orders exceed the available channel capacity of the delivery system.

Delivery shares are tied to the land and are owned by proprietor of the land title.

What if the ownership of the land has changed?

Generally, delivery share remains with the land. Vendors and purchasers should discuss delivery share requirements as part of the property sale.

Delivery share can be reduced via terminating or transferring it to another property. See *Can I trade my delivery share?* below for more information.

Are there ongoing costs associated with having a delivery share?

An annual infrastructure access fee is charged to owners of delivery share(s). This fee is the basis of sharing the costs of operating and maintaining the channel delivery network across all delivery share owners in an irrigation area.

The owner’s contribution to the cost of operating, maintaining or renewing the delivery network is dependent on the amount of delivery share they hold.

The infrastructure access fee applies each year regardless of whether any water is delivered to a property, any water entitlement is traded out, or the availability of any seasonal allocations. If you do not require a particular delivery share rate, you can apply to have the delivery share reduced via terminating or transferring it to another property.

What is my annual delivery allowance?

The annual delivery allowance is the amount of water that can be used in a season before casual use

charges are applied. It is determined by multiplying the total volume of delivery share (ML/day) by the number of days in the irrigation season (270 days for irrigation area and 365 days for pumped districts).

What is casual use?

If the volume of water delivery in a season is above the annual delivery allowance, a higher casual use infrastructure fee will apply to the variable charges account. Please consult GMW’s current fees and charges schedule for further information.

I recently purchased the property but did not purchase water share(s), do I have to pay the infrastructure charges?

Yes. The delivery share remains with the land regardless of any water entitlements being associated to it.

Can I trade my delivery share?

Certain rules apply when transferring delivery share between properties. Delivery shares must be within the same irrigation area, available capacity in the system to deliver the extra volume is required and delivery share trading rules apply. Delivery Share transfers are permanent.

Customers can transfer their delivery share(s) by submitting an *Application to Permanently Transfer Delivery Share – Form 36*. More information is available at [our website](#).

What if I no longer want delivery shares?

If a delivery share is reduced or terminated, a termination fee will apply. Generally, this fee is ten times the annual infrastructure access fee; please phone us to discuss your individual requirements.

If a delivery share is fully terminated there is no longer an obligation by GMW to maintain a delivery service to the property.

Customers can terminate their delivery share(s) by submitting an *Application to Vary a Delivery Share – Form 35*.

Can GMW issue new delivery shares?

Currently GMW cannot issue delivery share where there are willing sellers and capacity in the market. Landowners seeking more delivery share should contact their local water broker/s to explore the market for opportunities to complete a transfer of delivery share.