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Background

In NSW, two types of transfers are possible under the *Water Management Act 2000* and the *Water Act 1912*:

- Permanent transfers – the sale of part or all of the volumetric entitlement attached to a licence to another licence holder.
- Temporary transfers – the sale of account water (or allocations) from one licence holder to another on an annual (seasonal) basis.

Areas of the State where water sharing plans have commenced are subject to the *Water Management Act 2000*. Permanent and temporary transfers have generally been permitted under the *Water Management Act 2000* subject to the rules contained within water sharing plans and regulations under the *Water Management Act 2000*.

In 2006, the then Minister for Natural Resources signed the *Heads of Agreement for the Barwon-Darling River System Cap* (the Heads of Agreement) with the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation, Mungindi-Menindee Advisory Council Inc, Bourke Shire Council, Clyde Agriculture, Darling Farms and the NSW Irrigators' Council. The Heads of Agreement sets out proposed management actions to comply with the Murray-Darling Basin Cap (the Cap) on diversions.

Each licence holder in the Barwon-Darling was given a share of the Cap, called a "Cap share". Each licence now specifies a Cap share and an Annual Volumetric Limit (AVL), which places a limit on the volume of water that can be taken under the licence in any one water year. Cap shares and accounting rules were designed such that total extractions over the long-term would not exceed the Cap. Additionally, extractions are limited on a daily basis by "commence to pump" rules which set a minimum flow level for licences in each river reach of the Barwon-Darling before pumping can commence. River reaches and river sections of the Barwon-Darling are detailed in Appendix 2. The commence to pump rules are specified as conditions on each licence and are listed in Appendix 3 for each licence class and river reach.

The implementation of the Heads of Agreement meant that transfers under the *Water Act 1912* in the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River system were now possible. Interim trading rules were agreed to and distributed to Barwon-Darling licence holders upon implementation of the Heads of Agreement in 2006.

Purpose of this document

The purpose of this document is to formally set out the transfer rules that apply to permanent and temporary transfers in the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River under the *Water Act 1912*. Permanent transfers allow licence holders to buy and sell Cap shares, while temporary transfers allow licence holders to buy and sell account water. These transfer rules will operate until a water sharing plan commences for the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River and the licensing and approval provisions of the *Water Management Act 2000* are activated for this area.

The purpose of these transfer rules are:

1. to implement agreed permanent and temporary water transfer rules as per the Heads of Agreement
2. to provide opportunities on the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River for individuals to access additional water and for new or expanding commercial enterprises to access water via the water market without resulting in overall growth in extractions

3. to ensure NSW remains consistent with the objectives of the National Water Initiative, which includes the “progressive removal of barriers to trade in water and meeting other requirements to facilitate the broadening and deepening of the water market, with an open trading market to be in place”¹.

Water transfer principles

The water transfer rules set out in this document have been designed to ensure that:

- legislative requirements are satisfied
- the take of water is monitored and accounted for
- transfers will not have unacceptable impacts on the environment and water dependent ecosystems
- transfers will not result in increased extractions from areas identified as being of high conservation value
- transfers will not result in extractions exceeding the Cap
- transfers will not adversely affect the ability of landholders to exercise their basic landholder rights
- transfers will not have unacceptable third party impacts
- transfers will not adversely impact geological and other features of indigenous, heritage or major cultural significance
- transfers will only be permitted if the buyers and sellers meet all necessary licensing and approval requirements and have the authority to participate in the transfer, including that the seller holds sufficient account water for the temporary transfer.

Important information for buyers and sellers

Before entering into a transfer arrangement, buyers and sellers should be aware that:

- application fees may be payable to the NSW Office of Water depending on the type of transfer and the workload involved. Applicants are advised to contact the Office of Water to find out what fees will apply
- the price and volume to be transferred is a matter for negotiation between buyers and sellers
- transferred Cap share or account water will not be available for access until the buyers and sellers licences are amended to recognise the transfer
- a condition of all temporary transfers will be to:
 - release the Office of Water from all or any claims for compensation for loss, damage, injury, or inconvenience and from all other actions, suits, proceedings, claims, accounts, demands, costs, and expenses
 - indemnify the Office of Water against all such claims and other actions by any person including any person claiming ownership, partnership, share farming or mortgage interest or otherwise in their lands or the crops there on or produce there from howsoever arising in respect of the Office of Water consenting to this application or any inability of the Office of Water to supply all or any part of the volume of water referred to in the application resulting from circumstances or acts over which it has no control.

¹ *Intergovernmental Agreement On A National Water Initiative, Objective 23 (v)*

- where the licences involved in a temporary transfer are under different billing systems (i.e. one-part or two-part tariff), charges may not be adjusted for the temporary transfer. It is advisable that both licences involved in a temporary transfer of water be on the one billing system in order to avoid this. Applicants are advised to contact the Office of Water to clarify whether double charging will apply
- procedures for permanent transfers involve an advertising and objection process
- permanent transfers may require consent from the NSW Crown Lands Division of the Department of Primary Industries under the *Western Lands Act 1901* if the buyer's land to be irrigated falls within a Western Lands Lease. In order to clarify requirements for consent please contact the NSW Crown Lands Division
- permanent transfers may require assessment under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* where the licence is required for a new or expanding development
- if Cap shares are adjusted to reflect better modelled estimates of the Cap, the adjustment will be proportional to the new estimate based on the Cap share on each licence after any transfers have taken place. Account water may also be adjusted accordingly.

Water transfer rules for the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River

The following rules **apply to all temporary and permanent transfers** in the Barwon–Darling Unregulated River.

1. The Office of Water may refuse an application for a transfer, or request that applications be amended, to ensure that the transfer meets all legislative requirements, it will not adversely impact the environment, basic landholder right and other licence holders, geological and other features of significance and is permitted in accordance with all other rules under this document.
2. Transfers are not permitted between the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River and its tributary or effluent streams.
3. Transfers are permitted within a river reach and between river reaches within the same river section (see Appendix 2 for river reaches and river sections).

Note: the rules for temporary and permanent transfers between river sections are outlined in the relevant sections below.

4. Sellers may transfer part or all of their account water or Cap share provided all legal requirements and all rules set out in this document are satisfied.
5. Transfers are not permitted between licences of different classes, unless the transfer is a temporary transfer from a licence in a lower class of access to a licence in a higher class of access (for example from A Class to B Class).
6. Transfers are not permitted to or from D Class irrigation licences.
7. Transfers are not permitted to or from licences which are not specified volumetrically.
8. Transfers are not permitted to or from licences that specify town water supply, or stock or domestic as a purpose.
9. Transfers between licences that specify irrigation as a purpose and licences that specify other purposes (excluding town water supply and stock and domestic) will be considered by the Office of Water on a case by case basis.

Note: Temporary transfers between licences that specify irrigation as a purpose and licences that specify other purposes that result in a change of river reach will not be considered.

10. If a transfer is approved from a licence that specifies irrigation as a purpose and a licence that specifies another purpose such as industrial, farming, pisciculture or recreation:
 - (a) within a river reach, the same commence to pump thresholds that applied to the irrigation entitlement will apply to the transferred water.
 - (b) that results in a change of river reach - the applicable commence to pump thresholds that apply to the equivalent class of irrigation entitlement in the recipient river reach will apply to the transferred water subject to any additional or alternative conditions placed on the licence at the discretion of the Office of Water (see Appendix 3 for the applicable commence to pump thresholds).
11. Transfers are not permitted unless meters are installed on the licensed or authorised diversion works in compliance with any metering conditions on the licence(s) or authority(s) and the meters are in good working order and condition. Where a licence has no previous history of extraction and no works installed, the licence holder will be required to make a statutory declaration that no unrecorded water has been taken.
12. Buyers and sellers must provide the Office of Water with meter readings prior to the completion of a transfer. The Office of Water may require meter readings to be certified to verify water account volumes.
13. The buyers and sellers must certify that each has the requisite authority to make the transfer.
14. Concessional conversion limits will not be adjusted for any permanent or temporary trades under this document.

Note: Concessional conversion limits are explained in more detail in the *Barwon-Darling Unregulated River – concessional conversion principles document*, available on the Office of Water's website at www.water.nsw.gov.au under Water licensing > About licences > Water Act-1912.

Temporary transfer rules

The following rules **apply to all temporary transfers of account water** on the Barwon–Darling Unregulated River.

15. Temporary transfers of account water can only occur between two existing licences.
16. Temporary transfers of account water are permitted between river sections.
17. Extractions under any licence will be limited by the Annual Volumetric Limit (AVL) applying to that licence and by any other annual extraction limits or restrictions as may be imposed on the licence by the Office of Water from time to time.
18. When annual extraction limits or restrictions are applied to licences by the Office of Water, the maximum volume of water that can be temporarily traded to a licence is equal to the annual extraction limit or restriction on the seller's licence minus the volume of water taken under the seller's licence in that water year prior to the trade. The extraction limit or restriction on the buyers limit will be increased by the amount of the transfer.
19. Temporary transfers are not permitted between licences that specify irrigation as a purpose and licences that specify other purposes if they result in a change of river reach.
20. Licences held by the buyer and seller must be current. Temporary transfers are not permitted if either licence is:
 - (a) under suspension or not current, except in the case of non-payment of fees or charges and where the transfer of the water will go towards payment of such fees or charges, or where a transfer will rectify an account balance where more water has been extracted than was available in the water account at the time of extraction, or

- (b) due for renewal and the renewal process has not been completed, except where the relevant fees, forms and supporting documentation which would enable completion of any outstanding renewal process have been supplied to the Office of Water.

Permanent transfer rules

The following rules **apply to all permanent transfers of Cap share** on the Barwon–Darling Unregulated River:

21. Permanent transfers between river sections are permitted providing that the transfer will not cause the river section permanent transfer limits in Appendix 1 to be exceeded.
22. Buyers must complete a Farm Water Management Plan as part of their transfer application where the licence is for a new development, or the expansion of an existing development.
Note: The details required to be addressed by a Farm Water Management Plan are as per section 20AI of the *Water Act 1912*.
23. The AVL specified on the buyer's and seller's licences will be adjusted by the same proportion as the volume of Cap share traded. For example, if the seller's Cap share was 100 megalitres and AVL was 300 megalitres and 50 megalitres of Cap share is sold, then the buyer's Cap share will be increased by 50 megalitres and the AVL will be increased by 150 megalitres. The seller's Cap share and AVL will be decreased correspondingly.
24. Any annual extraction limits or restrictions imposed by the Office of Water will be transferred in proportion to the Cap share transferred.
25. For permanent transfers that result in a change of river reach, the applicable commence to pump thresholds that apply to the equivalent class of irrigation entitlement in the recipient river reach will apply to the transferred water on the buyer's licence, subject to any additional or alternative conditions placed on the licence at the discretion of the Office of Water (see Appendix 3 for the applicable commence to pump thresholds).
26. The licence held by the seller must be current under the *Water Act 1912*. Permanent transfers are not permitted if the seller's licence is:
 - (a) under suspension or not current, except in the case of non-payment of fees or charges and where the transfer of the water will go towards payment of such fees or charges, or where a transfer will rectify an account balance where more water has been extracted than was available in the water account at the time of extraction
 - (b) due for renewal and the renewal process has not been completed, except where the relevant fees, forms and supporting documentation which would enable completion of any outstanding renewal process has been supplied to the Office of Water.

For more information

If you would like more information about water transfers or how to apply, you can contact NSW Office of Water Dubbo office on (02) 6884 2560, call our general water licensing enquiries hotline on 1800 353 104 or email information@water.nsw.gov.au.

Appendix 1 – River section permanent transfer limits

River section	Flow class	Permanent transfer limits (ML)
River section 1	A Class	3,434
	B Class	82,940
	C Class	26,040
River section 2	A Class	2,535
	B Class	38,282
	C Class	114,197
River section 3	A Class	13,515
	B Class	126,019
	C Class	34,344
River section 4	A Class	5,860
	B Class	38,246
	C Class	44,720

Appendix 2 – River sections and river reaches

River section	River reach
River section 1	Mungindi to Boomi River Confluence
	Boomi River Confluence to Upstream Mogil Mogil Weir Pool
	Mogil Mogil Weir Pool
	Downstream Mogil Mogil to Collarenebri
	Collarenebri to Upstream Walgett Weir Pool
	Walgett Weir Pool
River section 2	Downstream Walgett to Boorooma
	Boorooma to Brewarrina
River section 3	Brewarrina to Culgoa River Junction
	Culgoa River Junction to Bourke
River section 4	Bourke to Louth
	Louth to Tilpa
	Tilpa to Wilcannia
	Wilcannia to Upstream Lake Wetherell

Appendix 3 – Commence to pump thresholds

River reach	Flow class	Flow (ML/day)	Flow reference point
Mungindi to Boomi River Confluence	No Flow Class	0 ML/day at Mungindi gauge or 0 ML/day at Presbury gauge	Barwon River upstream of Presbury Weir gauge (416050) and Barwon River at Mungindi gauge (416001)
	Low Flow Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 0 ML/day at Mungindi gauge and more than 0 ML/day at Presbury gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 230 ML/day at Mungindi gauge or less than or equal to 220 ML/day at Presbury gauge 	
	A Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 230 ML/day at Mungindi gauge and more than 220 ML/day at Presbury gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 270 ML/day at Presbury gauge 	
	B Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 230 ML/day at Mungindi gauge and more than 270 ML/day at Presbury gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 1,500 ML/day at Presbury gauge 	
	C Class	More than 230 ML/day at Mungindi gauge and more than 1,500 ML/day at Presbury gauge	
Boomi River Confluence to Upstream Mogil Mogil Weir Pool	No Flow Class	0 ML/day at Presbury gauge or 0 ML/day at Mogil Mogil gauge	Barwon River at Mogil Mogil gauge (422004) and Barwon River upstream of Presbury Weir gauge (416050)
	Low Flow Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 0 ML/day at Presbury gauge and more than 0 ML/day at Mogil Mogil gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 220 ML/day at Presbury gauge or less than or equal to 190 ML/day at Mogil Mogil gauge 	
	A Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 220 ML/day at Presbury gauge and more than 190 ML/day at Mogil Mogil; and 2. Less than or equal to 270 ML/day at Presbury gauge or less than or equal to 230 ML/day at Mogil Mogil gauge 	
	B Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 270 ML/day at Presbury gauge and more than 230 ML/day at Mogil Mogil gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 1,800 ML/day at Mogil Mogil gauge 	
	C Class	More than 270 ML/day at Presbury gauge and more than 1,800 ML/day at Mogil Mogil gauge	
Mogil Mogil Weir Pool	No Flow Class	0 ML/day	Barwon River at Mogil Mogil gauge (422004)
	Low Flow Class	More than 0 ML/day and less than or equal to 190 ML/day	
	A Class	More than 190 ML/day and less than or equal to 570 ML/day	
	B Class	More than 570 ML/day and less than or equal to 1,800 ML/day	
	C Class	More than 1,800 ML/day	
Downstream Mogil Mogil to	No Flow Class	0 ML/day at Mogil Mogil gauge or 0 ML/day at Collarenebri gauge	Barwon River at Mogil Mogil

River reach	Flow class	Flow (ML/day)	Flow reference point
Collarenebri	Low Flow Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 0 ML/day at Mogil Mogil gauge and more than 0 ML/day at Collarenebri gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 190 ML/day at Mogil Mogil gauge or less than or equal to 165 ML/day at Collarenebri gauge 	(422004) and Barwon River at Collarenebri Main Channel gauge (422003)
	A Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 190 ML/day at Mogil Mogil gauge and more than 165 ML/day at Collarenebri gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 570 ML/day at Mogil Mogil gauge or less than or equal to 500 ML/day at Collarenebri gauge 	
	B Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 570 ML/day at Mogil Mogil gauge and more than 500 ML/day at Collarenebri gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 2,900 ML/day at Collarenebri gauge 	
	C Class	More than 570 ML/day at Mogil Mogil gauge and more than 2,900 ML/day at Collarenebri gauge	
Collarenebri to Upstream Walgett Weir Pool	No Flow Class	0 ML/day at Tara gauge (422025) or 0 ML/day at Collarenebri gauge (422003)	Barwon River at Tara gauge (422025) and Barwon River at Collarenebri Main Channel gauge (422003)
	Low Flow Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 0 ML/day at Tara gauge and more than 0 ML/day at Collarenebri gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 100 ML/day at Tara gauge or less than or equal to 165 ML/day at Collarenebri gauge 	
	A Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 100 ML/day at Tara gauge and more than 165 ML/day at Collarenebri gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 430 ML/day at Tara gauge or less than or equal to 500 ML/day at Collarenebri gauge 	
	B Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 430 ML/day at Tara gauge and more than 500 ML/day at Collarenebri gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 3,050 ML/day at Tara gauge 	
	C Class	More than 3,050 ML/day at Tara gauge and more than 500 ML/day at Collarenebri gauge	
Walgett Weir Pool	No Flow Class	0 ML/day	Barwon River at Danger Bridge gauge (422001)
	Low Flow Class	More than 0 ML/day and less than or equal to 600 ML/day or less	
	A Class	More than 600 ML/day and less than or equal to 900 ML/day	
	B Class	More than 900 ML/day and less than or equal to 5,650 ML/day	
	C Class	More than 5,650 ML/day	
Downstream Walgett to	No Flow Class	0 ML/day at Boorooma gauge or 0 ML/day at Dangar Bridge gauge	Barwon River at Boorooma gauge

River reach	Flow class	Flow (ML/day)	Flow reference point
Boorooma	Low Flow Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 0 ML/day at Boorooma gauge and more than 0 ML/day at Dangar Bridge gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 530 ML/day at Boorooma gauge or less than or equal to 600 ML/day at Dangar Bridge gauge 	(422026) and Barwon River at Dangar Bridge gauge (422001)
	A Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 530 ML/day at Boorooma gauge and more than 600 ML/day at Dangar Bridge gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 870 ML/day at Boorooma gauge or less than or equal to 900 ML/day at Dangar Bridge gauge 	
	B Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 870 ML/day at Boorooma gauge and more than 900 ML/day at Dangar Bridge gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 5,500 ML/day at Boorooma gauge 	
	C Class	More than 5,500 ML/day at Boorooma gauge and more than 900 ML/day at Dangar Bridge gauge	
Boorooma to Brewarrina	No Flow Class	0 ML/day at Geera gauge or 0 ML/day at Brewarrina gauge	Barwon River at Geera gauge (422027) and Barwon River at Brewarrina gauge (422002)
	Low Flow Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 0 ML/day at Geera gauge and more than 0 ML/day at Brewarrina gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 530 ML/day at Geera gauge or less than or equal to 460 ML/day at Brewarrina gauge 	
	A Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 530 ML/day at Geera gauge and more than 460 ML/day at Brewarrina gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 870 ML/day at Geera gauge or less than or equal to 840 ML/day at Brewarrina gauge 	
	B Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 870 ML/day at Geera gauge and more than 840 ML/day at Brewarrina gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 6,800 ML/day at Brewarrina gauge 	
	C Class	More than 870 ML/day at Geera gauge and more than 6,800 ML/day at Brewarrina gauge	
Brewarrina to Culgoa River Junction	No Flow Class	0 ML/day at Brewarrina gauge or 0 ML/day at Beemery gauge	Barwon River at Brewarrina gauge (422002) and Barwon River at Beemery gauge (422028)
	Low Flow Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 0 ML/day at Brewarrina gauge and more than 0 ML/day at Beemery gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 460 ML/day at Brewarrina gauge or less than or equal to 400 ML/day at Beemery gauge 	
	A Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 460 ML/day at Brewarrina gauge and more than 400 ML/day at Beemery gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 840 ML/day at Brewarrina gauge or less than or equal to 760 ML/day at Beemery gauge 	

River reach	Flow class	Flow (ML/day)	Flow reference point
	B Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> More than 840 ML/day at Brewarrina gauge and more than 760 ML/day at Beemery gauge; and Less than or equal to 8,250 ML/day at Beemery gauge 	
	C Class	More than 840 ML/day at Brewarrina gauge and more than 8,250 ML/day at Beemery gauge	
Culgoa River Junction to Bourke	No Flow Class	0 ML/day at Warraweena gauge or 0 ML/day at Bourke Town gauge	Darling River at Warraweena gauge (425029) and Darling River at Bourke Town gauge (425003)
	Low Flow Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> More than 0 ML/day at Warraweena gauge and more than 0 ML/day at Bourke Town gauge; and Less than or equal to 400 ML/day at Warraweena gauge or less than or equal to 350 ML/day at Bourke Town gauge 	
	A Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> More than 400 ML/day at Warraweena gauge and more than 350 ML/day at Bourke Town gauge; and Less than or equal to 1,330 ML/day at Warraweena gauge or less than or equal to 1,250 ML/day at Bourke Town gauge 	
	B Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> More than 1,330 ML/day at Warraweena gauge and more than 1,250 ML/day at Bourke Town gauge; and Less than or equal to 11,000 ML/day at Bourke Town gauge 	
	C Class	More than 1,330 ML/day at Warraweena gauge and more than 11,000 ML/day at Bourke Town gauge	
Bourke to Louth	No Flow Class	0 ML/day at Bourke Town gauge or 0 ML/day at Louth gauge	Darling River at Bourke Town gauge (425003) and Darling River at Louth gauge (425004)
	Low Flow Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> More than 0 ML/day at Bourke Town gauge and more than 0 ML/day at Louth gauge; and Less than or equal to 350 ML/day at Bourke Town gauge or less than or equal to 260 ML/day at Louth gauge 	
	A Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> More than 350 ML/day at Bourke Town gauge and more than 260 ML/day at Louth gauge; and Less than or equal to 1,250 ML/day at Bourke Town gauge or 1,130 ML/day at Louth gauge 	
	B Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> More than 1,250 ML/day at Bourke Town gauge and more than 1,130 ML/day at Louth gauge; and Less than or equal to 11,150 ML/day at Louth gauge 	
	C Class	More than 1,250 ML/day at Bourke Town gauge and more than 11,150 ML/day at Louth gauge	
Louth to Tilpa	No Flow Class	0 ML/day at Louth gauge or 0 ML/day at Tilpa gauge	Darling River at Louth gauge (425004) and Darling River at Tilpa gauge (425900)
	Low Flow Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> More than 0 ML/day at Louth gauge and more than 0 ML/day at Tilpa gauge; and Less than or equal to 260 ML/day at Louth gauge or less than or equal to 215 ML/day at Tilpa gauge 	

River reach	Flow class	Flow (ML/day)	Flow reference point
	A Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 260 ML/day at Louth gauge and more than 215 ML/day at Tilpa gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 1,130 ML/day at Louth gauge or less than or equal to 1,010 ML/day at Tilpa gauge 	
	B Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 1,130 ML/day at Louth gauge and more than 1,010 ML/day at Tilpa gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 11,000 ML/day at Tilpa gauge 	
	C Class	More than 1,130 ML/day at Louth gauge and more than 11,000 ML/day at Tilpa gauge	
Tilpa to Wilcannia	No Flow Class	0 ML/day at Tilpa gauge or 0 ML/day at Wilcannia gauge	Darling River at Tilpa gauge (425900) and Darling River at Wilcannia Main Channel gauge (425008)
	Low Flow Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 0 ML/day at Tilpa gauge and more than 0 ML/day at Wilcannia gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 215 ML/day at Tilpa gauge or less than or equal to 123 ML/day at Wilcannia gauge 	
	A Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 215 ML/day at Tilpa gauge and more than 123 ML/day at Wilcannia gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 1,010 ML/day at Tilpa gauge or less than or equal to 850 ML/day at Wilcannia gauge 	
	B Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More than 1,010 ML/day at Tilpa gauge and more than 850 ML/day at Wilcannia gauge; and 2. Less than or equal to 12,000 ML/day at Wilcannia gauge 	
	C Class	More than 1,010 ML/day at Tilpa gauge and more than 12,000 ML/day at Wilcannia gauge	
Wilcannia to Upstream Lake Wetherell	No Flow Class	0 ML/day	Darling River at Wilcannia Main Channel gauge (425008)
	Low Flow Class	More than 0 ML/day and less than or equal to 123 ML/day	
	A Class	More than 123 ML/day and less than or equal to 850 ML/day	
	B Class	More than 850 ML/day and less than or equal to 12,000 ML/day	
	C Class	More than 12,000 ML/day	