Water Sharing Rules
Broadwater Area Water Source

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Rules Summary
The following rules are a guide only. For more information about your actual license conditions, please contact licensing staff from the NSW Office of Water in Grafton, phone 6641 6500.

Access Rules

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<td>All access licence holders must cease to pump when there is no visible flow in the vicinity of the pump site.</td>
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<td>NB: From year 6 of the Plan the cease to pump condition will apply to aquifer access licences extracting from all alluvial aquifers within 40 m of an unregulated river.</td>
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<td>For an aquifer access licence no visible flow in the vicinity of the pump site shall be taken to mean no visible flow in the river immediately adjacent to the water supply work.</td>
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Reference point
Pump site

Trading rules

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## Managing Groundwater Alluvial Access Licences

### Granting water supply works approvals – rules to minimise interference between neighbouring bores

These rules apply to new bores.
These rules do not apply to replacement bores.
These rules do not apply to a bore which is solely for basic landholder rights.

These rules do not apply to bores constructed for the purpose of monitoring, environmental management or remedial work.

- New water supply works (bores) are not to be located within the following distances of existing water supply works (bores):
  - 400 m from an water supply work (bore) that is nominated by another access licence on another landholding;
  - 200 m from a water supply work (bore) that is used to extract basic landholder rights (BLR) on another landholding;
  - 100 m from the boundary (unless negotiated with neighbour);
  - 500 m from a water supply work (bore) nominating a local or major utility access licence; or
  - 100 m from a water supply work (bore) that is used by the Office for monitoring purposes (unless agreed to by the Office).

- The distances rules may be varied if in the Minister’s opinion the location of the water supply work (bore) at a lesser distance would result in no more than minimal impact on existing extractions within the water source. Other variations will only be considered if the applicant undertakes a hydrogeological study, assessed as adequate by the Minister, which demonstrates that a lesser distance will have no more than minimal impact on existing extractions within the water source.

### Granting water supply works approvals – Rules to manage location of bores away from contaminated sites

These rules apply to new bores.
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These rules do not apply to a bore which is solely for basic landholder rights.

These rules do not apply to bores constructed for the purpose of monitoring, environmental management or remedial work.

- New bores are not to be located within 250 m of contaminated sites as identified within the Plan.

- Granting of an approval for a new water supply work (bore) located within 250 – 500 m of contaminated sites identified within the Plan will require evidence that no drawdown of groundwater within 250 m of the contamination source will occur, and the approval of the Minister.

- Granting of an approval for a new water supply work (bore) located greater than 500 m from a contaminated site may be restricted if the Minister determines it necessary to protect the water source, environment or public health or safety.

- The Minister may vary these rules if an applicant can demonstrate there will be no more than minimal harm to the groundwater source, no impact on the environment and no threat to public health.

- These rules may also be applied to contaminated sources not identified within the Plan, but which are identified as a result of a site inspection or other relevant information provided to the Minister.

- Contaminated sites may be added or removed from the Plan by the Minister based on results of a site inspection or other relevant information provided to the Minister on a contamination source.

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### Granting water supply works approvals – Rules to protect base flows in rivers and groundwater-dependent ecosystems (GDEs)

These rules apply to new bores.

These rules do not apply to replacement bores.

These rules do not apply to bores constructed for the purpose of monitoring, environmental management or remedial work.

These rules do not apply if the bore replaces an existing bore that is part of a bore network of a major or local water utility for the purpose of town water supply.

- Water supply works (bores) are not to be located within the following distances of a high priority groundwater dependent ecosystem (GDEs) (non Karst) as identified within the Plan:
  - 100 m in the case of a water supply work used to extract basic landholder rights; or
  - 200 m from a water supply work (bore) used to extract for uses other than basic landholder rights.

- Water supply works (bores) are not to be located within 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river or stream.

- The Minister may increase the distance rules above for any high priority GDE if the Minister is satisfied that drawdown is likely to occur within these distances.

- The distance of a water supply work (bore) from a GDE may be varied if the Minister is satisfied that no drawdown will occur at the perimeter of any GDE listed in the Plan or that a lesser distance would result in no greater impact on this water source and its GDEs.

- These specified distances may be amended in the Plan, or high priority GDEs may be added to or removed from the Plan based on further studies of groundwater ecosystem dependency undertaken by the Minister.

### Granting water supply works approvals – Rules to protect groundwater dependent culturally significant sites

These rules apply to new bores.

These rules do not apply to replacement bores.

These rules do not apply to bores constructed for the purpose of monitoring, environmental management or remedial work or if the bore replaces an existing bore that is part of a bore network of a major or local water utility for the purpose of town water supply.

- Water supply works (bores) are not to be located within the following distances of a groundwater dependent culturally significant site:
  - 100 m from a water supply work used to extract basic landholder rights; or
  - 200 m from a water supply work that is used to extract for uses other than basic landholder rights.

- Where a culturally significant site is also a high-priority GDE, the more restrictive distance restriction applies to the granting or amendment of a water supply work approval.

- These distance restrictions do not apply if the water supply work is sealed off to the nearest impervious layer or if the Minister is satisfied that the location of the bore at a lesser distance would result in no greater impact on the groundwater source and its groundwater dependent culturally significant sites.
Managing temporary local impacts

- Section 324 of the *Water Management Act 2000* provides for the management of local impacts in groundwater sources. The Minister may, for a specified period prohibit or restrict the taking of water from a water source, as the case requires to:
  - maintain or protect water levels in an aquifer;
  - maintain, protect or improve the quality of water in an aquifer;
  - prevent land subsidence or compaction in an aquifer;
  - to protect GDEs; or
  - to maintain pressure, or to ensure pressure recovery, in an aquifer.

**More information** about the planning process for the Richmond River Area Regulated, Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources is available at: [www.water.nsw.gov.au](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au)

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