## Billabong Creek Alluvial Groundwater Source

**Water sharing plan**
- Murrumbidgee Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources

**Plan commencement**
- 4 October 2012

**Term of the plan**
- 10 years

### Rules summary

The following rules are a guide only. For more information about your actual licence conditions please call the Department of Primary Industries, Water, Albury on (02) 6024 8880

### Limits to the availability of water

| Available water determinations | Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at the start of each water year for:
|                              | Stock and domestic, local and major water utilities and specific purpose access licences – 100 per cent of share component
|                              | Aquifer access licences – 1 ML per unit of share component or lower amount as results from a growth in extractions response

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<th>Assessment of extraction against the long-term average annual extraction limit</th>
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<td>Long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 7,500 ML/year.</td>
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<td>Growth in extractions will be assessed against the LTAAEL over a 5 year period.</td>
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<td>Growth greater than 10 % will result in a reduced AWD to return total annual extractions back to the LTAAEL.</td>
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<td>Assessments will commence from the second year of the plan (2013-2014) using extraction records from 2008-09.</td>
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### Rules for granting access licences

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| Granting of access licences may be considered for the following categories: specific purpose access licences under the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2011* including local water utility, major water utility, domestic and stock, salinity and water table management, and town water supply
| Aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences, up to 10 ML/year |

### Rules for managing access licences

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<td>Carryover of account water up to 200 per cent of share component at the end of each water year is permitted for aquifer access licences. No carry over is allowed for domestic and stock, local water utility or specific purpose access licences.</td>
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### Trading rules

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### Conversion to another category of access licence

Not permitted.

### Rules for water supply works approvals

#### Rules to minimise interference between bores

No water supply works (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of existing bores:
- 500 m from an aquifer access licence bore on another landholding.
- 500 m from a basic landholder rights bore on another landholding.
- 500 m from a local or major water utility access licence bore.
- 500 m from a DPI Water monitoring bore.
- 250 m from a property boundary.

The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.

#### Rules for bores located near contamination sources

No water supply works (bores) to be granted or amended within:
- 250 m of the plume associated with a contamination source as identified within the plan, or
- A distance greater than 500 m of the plume associated with a contamination source as identified within the plan if necessary to protect the groundwater source, the environment or public health or safety.

The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied and exemptions from these rules.

#### Rules for bores located near sensitive environmental areas

No water supply works (bores) within the following distances of high priority groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDE) listed in the plan:
- 200 m
- A distance of greater than 200 m if the bore is likely to cause drawdown at the perimeter of any GDE system, and
- 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river or stream.

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#### Rules for bores located near groundwater dependent culturally significant sites

No water supply works (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of groundwater dependent cultural significant sites:
- 100 m for basic landholder rights bores
- 200 m for bores not used solely for extracting basic landholder rights

The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied and exemptions from these rules.

#### Rules for existing bores located within restricted distances

Existing water supply works (bores) can continue extraction of groundwater (up to maximum allowed from that bore at the start of the plan) within any of the distance restrictions listed above.

#### Rules to manage local impacts

The *Water Management Act 2000* provides for the Minister to prohibit or restrict the taking of water from a groundwater source in order to manage local impacts where required 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
- protect groundwater dependent ecosystems
- maintain pressure, or to ensure pressure recovery, in an aquifer.

### More information
