



## Growth Water Sales

There are three growth water products created by water savings from the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project, with this water to be sold as part of the funding model for the project. These products are:

1. Peak Growth Water (4,920 ML) and
2. Off Season Growth Water (5,000 ML)
3. Headworks Growth Water (10,000 ML)

The sale of growth water to existing and new customers has now commenced.

### Peak and Off Season Growth Water

GWMWater is selling 4,920 ML of Peak Growth Water and 5,000 ML of Off Season Growth Water from the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline (WMP). The sale will be facilitated by water broker WaterNET. The sale process for these products is currently being finalised and is expected to commence in January 2012.

#### Northern Mallee Pipeline

Peak and Off Season Growth Water will also be available for purchase from the Northern Mallee Pipeline. This process is expected to commence in mid 2012, with more information available in early 2012.

### Peak Growth Water

Peak Growth Water will be available all year around from the WMP, with 4,920 ML available for purchase through an expression of interest (EOI) process:

<b>Supply System</b>	<b>ML</b>
One (Yaapeet)	752
Two (Woomelang)	1,093
Three (Birchip)	1,155
Four (Wycheproof)	945
Five (Culgoa)	573
Six (Natimuk)	395
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,920</b>

The Peak Growth Water will have a nominated price that will be advised when EOI open.

### Off Season Growth Water

Off Season Growth Water will be available for supply between May and September to on-farm storages only. There will be 5,000 ML of water available through an EOI process. The Off Season Growth Water will have a nominated price that will be advised when EOI open. Supply is subject to the ability of the relevant supply system to deliver the requested volume. Customers will pay a lower annual capacity charge for this product.

### **A \$100 deposit must accompany each EOI for Peak and Off Season Growth Water.**

The deposit is refundable if the EOI is unsuccessful.

### Allocation process

New and existing customers will indicate the volume of Peak Growth Water and/or Off Season Growth Water they wish to purchase through the EOI process. There is no limit to the volume of water that can be purchased but it is subject to the capacity of the system to deliver.

Existing customers (including those currently rated as Division 4) will have priority over new customers for the initial purchase of up to 2.5 kL per hectare of Peak Growth Water. Existing customers will be able to purchase this allowance by:

1. Paying the fixed price (and have the ability to trade the growth water immediately), or
2. Paying a discounted price (40% of the fixed price), however the allowance is not tradeable for five years from the date of purchase.

Where the volume is greater than the amount able to be supplied through that system, the volume will be proportionally reduced, but to no less than 100 kL per property.

Applications for the intensive use of water on land (more than 5 kL/ha eg. horticulture) may require approval from local Government, Environment Protection Authority, catchment management authorities and other authorities. It is the purchaser's responsibility to ensure all necessary approvals have been obtained.

New customers must own land able to be serviced by the Wimmera Mallee or Northern Mallee Pipeline to purchase water.

### Headworks Growth Water

GMMWater has sold 9,000 ML of the Headworks Growth Water, with 800 ML committed for supply to Nhill and a further 80 ML under consideration for future supply to rural property owners in the Pella area. The process for the sale of unsold Headworks Growth Water is currently being considered by the GMMWater Board.

### Water charges

For further information on charges relating to water delivered through the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline, please refer to our Pipeline Tariff and Products Fact Sheet available on our website at [www.gmmwater.org.au](http://www.gmmwater.org.au) or by calling 1300 659 961.

### Should I buy growth water?

Before purchasing growth water customers are encouraged to determine their current and future water requirements. Existing customers may transfer water from one property to another (including on different supply systems), subject to the relevant pipelines capacity to deliver. This will be assessed by GMMWater at the time the property owner applies to transfer the water.

Customers who require greater volumes of water over and above their allowances have three options:

1. Pay excess consumption charges
2. Purchase peak or off season growth water to meet their needs, and/or
3. Purchase water from another GMMWater customer via permanent or temporary trade.

### How do I buy growth water?

Contact water broker WaterNET on 1300 928 376.

### Related fact sheets

- > Water trading
- > Pipeline Products and Tariff

### Key dates

December 2011	Letter to existing customers advising of forthcoming sale of Peak and Off Season Growth Water in the WMP and option to round down standard allocation
January 2012	Existing customers in all WMP supply systems invited to submit EOI for up to 2.5kl per hectare of Peak Growth Water
January 2012	Existing and new WMP customers invited to submit EOI for balance of Peak Growth Water available
30 March 2012	Close of EOI in WMP Supply Systems 1, 2 and 5
27 April 2012	Final Settlement for water purchased in WMP Supply Systems 1, 2 and 5
4 May 2012	Close of EOI in WMP Supply Systems 3, and 4
18 May 2012	Final Settlement for water purchased in WMP Supply Systems 3 and 4
18 May 2012	Close of EOI in WMP Supply System 6
15 June 2012	Final Settlement for water purchased in WMP Supply System 6