



## Water trading - Wimmera Mallee Pipeline

During the consultation stages for the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project (WMP), the introduction of water trading was identified as a way that rural customers could manage their water supply risk. Customers indicated that they wanted a secure water supply that was identified as their own; similar to irrigation supplies in northern Victoria.

### Background

In consultation with the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), GWMWater has now established the framework and procedures for a Wimmera Mallee water market. This has resulted in the establishment of tradable water allowances which are registered at individual customer level on the Victorian Water Register. This will give customers greater flexibility in managing their water supply and costs as customers can now buy or sell standard water allowances on either a temporary or permanent basis.

### What this means to customers

All rural domestic and stock pipeline customers have received a 2.5 kL per hectare standard water allowance that is fully tradeable. The only restriction is a requirement that 100 kL (the minimum standard water allowance) remains tied to each active meter. This 100 kL can only be traded if the water meter is removed at the property owners' expense. The 730 kL primary water allowance per household is not tradeable and remains the property of GWMWater.

Water can be traded from one supply system to another subject to the delivery capacity of the pipeline. GWMWater will formally assess all proposed water trades to ensure the capacity of the particular pipeline system to deliver the required volume of water.

### What do I do if I want to buy or sell water?

GWMWater is currently developing a program to allow online water trading. Until this is completed, customers should contact GWMWater on 1300 659 961 for further information.

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