



New South Wales

Water Sharing Plan for the Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources Amendment Order 2020

under the

Water Management Act 2000

I, Melinda Pavey, Minister for Water, Property and Housing, in pursuance of section 45 (1) of the *Water Management Act 2000*, being satisfied it is in the public interest to do so, make the following Order to amend the *Water Sharing Plan for the Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2009*.

Dated this 9th day of December 2020.

MELINDA PAVEY, MP

Minister for Water, Property and Housing

Explanatory note

This Order is made under section 45 (1) of the *Water Management Act 2000*. The object of this Order is to amend the *Water Sharing Plan for the Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2009*. The concurrence of the Minister for the Environment was obtained prior to the making of this Order as required under section 45 of the *Water Management Act 2000*.

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1 Name of Order

This Order is the *Water Sharing Plan for the Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources Amendment Order 2020*.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Water Sharing Plan for the Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2009

[1] Clause 71 Rules for change of water source

Insert “71Q, “ after “section” in clause 71 (1).

[2] Clause 71 (2)

Insert “71Q, “ after “section”.

[3] Clause 71 (2) (b)

Omit the paragraph and the note. Insert instead:

(b) the dealing is from any water source within the Lake Macquarie or Greater Hunter Extraction Management Unit, except for:

- (i) dealings from the Upper Wollombi Brook to the Lower Wollombi Brook Water Sources, provided that the dealing does not cause the sum of all access licence share components in the Lower Wollombi Brook Water Source to exceed the sum of all access licence share components in that water source at the commencement of this Plan, and
- (ii) dealings into the Krui River, the Bow River, the Bylong River, the Wollar Creek, Halls Creek, the Baerami Creek, the Widden Brook, Dart Brook, the Pages River, the Isis River, the Muswellbrook, the Jerrys, the Glendon Brook, the Luskintyre, the Singleton, the Martindale Creek, the Doyles Creek, the Black Creek, the Wallis Creek and the North Lake Macquarie Water Sources, provided that the dealing does not cause the sum of all access licence share components in the respective water sources to exceed the sum of all access licence share components for the water source at the commencement of this Plan.

Note. Dealings between regulated river access licences and aquifer access licences may be allowed in future Water Sharing Plans. The [Water Sharing Plan for the Hunter Regulated River Water Source 2003](#) does not currently allow for dealings between alluvial and regulated river access licences. These rules should be reviewed at the term of this Plan.

[4] Clause 71 (3)

Omit the clause. Insert instead:

(3) Dealings under section 71Q, 71R and 71W of the Act to change the water source to which an access licence applies are prohibited in these water sources if the dealing involves an unregulated river (high flow) access licence or an unregulated river (Aboriginal community development) access licence.

[5] Clause 71 (4)

Insert “71Q, “ after “section”.

[6] Clause 71 (6)

Insert “71Q, “ after “section”.