

# RINGAROOMA RIVER CATCHMENT WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

## Verification of unlicensed historic water use (Surety 6) for the Summer Take Period

February 2019

### BACKGROUND

The *Ringarooma River Catchment Water Management Plan 2014* provides a transition period between 1 December 2015 and 30 April 2021 for water users to verify unlicensed historic water use for the Summer Take Period (1 Dec to 30 April), in order to be eligible for an ongoing Surety 6 summer water allocation beyond December 2021.

### ELIGIBILITY

Permanent Summer Take Period Surety 6 allocations beyond December 2021 will be available to current licensees who:

- have completed the 2004 Historic Water Use Survey or have bought property that has associated historic use; and
- have unlicensed historic water use identified (use in 2004 that was greater than licensed allocations); and
- have installed water meters and provided at least two (2) years of metered water use records (verifying use during the transition period).

#### **IMPORTANT:**

**Licensees must have water meters installed before 1 December 2019 in order to establish two years of metered use records before April 2021.**

### TAKING WATER DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD (2015-2021)

A Temporary Water Allocation, **up until 30 April 2021 only**, has been provided to eligible licensees that authorises take of unlicensed water in the summer take period (1 December to 30 April) up to the volume identified by the licensee's 2004 Historic Water Use Survey.

### SECURING AN ONGOING SURETY 6 ALLOCATION

In order to secure a Surety Level 6 summer water allocation on an ongoing basis (beyond 2021), eligible historic water users will be required to fit meters and establish a metered record of take/use.

**Water users will need to provide at least two (2) years of metered records (during the period between 1 December 2015 and 30 April 2021) that accounts for water taken and used for commercial purposes in the summer take period (1 December – 30 April).**

### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

As part of the verification process you will be required to:

1. Keep accurate records;
2. Be able to verify your records; and
3. Submit those records to the Department

### Record Keeping

It is a requirement for all licensed commercial water users in Tasmania to measure and keep records to adequately account for the water that they take against their water licence.

Guidelines and fact sheets to assist water users to be accountable for water taken under their water licence are available on the DPIPWE website (Accounting for your water):

[dipwwe.tas.gov.au/water/water-licences/accounting-for-your-water](http://dipwwe.tas.gov.au/water/water-licences/accounting-for-your-water)

If licensees implement basic record keeping and accounting requirements, that is, **measure the water taken and used and keep adequate records that account for the water taken and used against their water license**, the record should be adequate and contain all the information needed to complete the verification forms below.

## Verification Records You Must Provide

To be eligible for a permanent water allocation based on historic water use, the following records need to be submitted to DPIPWE by **30 June 2021**:

- **A COPY OF YOUR ORIGINAL WATER USE RECORD** (in any format that meets your accountability and business needs).
- **PLUS** verification information submitted in the following forms (available on the DPIPWE website – see link under “Verification Policy Document and Forms” below):

**A. WATER ACCOUNT – SUMMER TAKE PERIOD (Form A)**

**B. METER DETAILS (Form B)**

**C. CROP RECORDS (Form C)**

**(Form C is only required for assessment of equivalency – refer to verification policy document for explanation).**

## Submitting Your Records

Submission of records at the end of each irrigation season is encouraged to provide an opportunity for preliminary feedback and discussion with DPIPWE staff about how your records will be assessed prior to the end of the transition period (April 2021).

Records should be submitted to:

Water Policy and Planning Branch  
Agriculture and Water Division  
DPIPWE  
GPO Box 44  
HOBART TAS 7000

OR

Email to: [Water.Enquiries@dipwwe.tas.gov.au](mailto:Water.Enquiries@dipwwe.tas.gov.au)

## VERIFICATION POLICY DOCUMENT AND FORMS

Full details of the verification policy and the forms for submitting verification information are available on the DPIPWE website:

[dipwwe.tas.gov.au/water/water-management-plans/adopted-water-management-plans/ringarooma-river-catchment-water-management-plan/information-on-allocation-of-historic-use](http://dipwwe.tas.gov.au/water/water-management-plans/adopted-water-management-plans/ringarooma-river-catchment-water-management-plan/information-on-allocation-of-historic-use)

## Hard copies of the forms

If you are unable to access the forms on the DPIPWE website they are available by emailing: [Water.Enquiries@dipwwe.tas.gov.au](mailto:Water.Enquiries@dipwwe.tas.gov.au)

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Phone: 0448 404 118

Email: [Water.Enquiries@dipwwe.tas.gov.au](mailto:Water.Enquiries@dipwwe.tas.gov.au)

Water and Marine Resources Division

Phone: 6165 3279

Email: [Water.Enquiries@dipwwe.tas.gov.au](mailto:Water.Enquiries@dipwwe.tas.gov.au) Visit: [dipwwe.tas.gov.au/water](http://dipwwe.tas.gov.au/water)