

# Floodplain harvesting in the Gwydir Unregulated

This document summarises the intent of rules established for floodplain harvesting in the Gwydir Unregulated River Water Sources.

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Rule	Intent
<b>Management zones</b>	Floodplain harvesting (unregulated river) access licences will have the same management zones as applied to unregulated river access licences.
<b>Share components</b>	<p>A total of 10,579 unit shares are being issued in the water source for floodplain harvesting (unregulated river) access licences, distributed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3,348 unit shares in the Gingham Watercourse Water Source</li> <li>• 493 unit shares in the Mehi River Water Source</li> <li>• 907 unit shares in the Slaughterhouse Creek Water Source</li> <li>• 5,831 unit shares in the Thalaba Creek Water Source.</li> </ul> <p>(There are approx. 67,000 unit shares for unregulated river access licences).</p>
<b>Calculation of the long-term average annual extraction limit</b>	Calculated as the annual average from 1 July 1993 to 30 June 1999 by floodplain harvesting.
<b>Compliance with the extraction limit (LTAAEL or SDL)</b>	Equal reduction of allocations for floodplain harvesting (unregulated river) access licences and unregulated river access licences, if growth above the extraction limit, regardless of where the growth occurred.
<b>Initial allocation of 1 ML per unit share</b>	The first allocation that floodplain harvesting (unregulated river) access licences will receive is 1 ML per unit share (i.e., full allocation).
<b>On-going allocation of 1 ML per unit share</b>	Allocations credited at the beginning of each water year after the initial allocation will be not greater than 1 ML per unit share but can be less if required to respond to growth above the extraction limit.

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<p>Rules for water supply work approvals to be nominated by a floodplain harvesting (unregulated river) access licence - granting</p>	<p>No new works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>located in management zone A or D, as established in the <i>Floodplain Management Plan for the Gwydir Valley Floodplain 2016</i></li> <li>located outside the Gwydir Valley Floodplain as shown in schedule 6 of the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i>.</li> </ul>
<p>Rules for water supply work approvals nominated by a floodplain harvesting (unregulated river) access licence - amending</p>	<p>Amendment of approval not permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to add a work that is located outside the Gwydir Valley Floodplain</li> <li>to add a work that is located in management zone A or D</li> <li>adding a work would increase the capability of existing works to take water from management zone A or D (except where the additional work was previously nominated by a floodplain harvesting (unregulated river) access licence.</li> </ul>
<p>Rules for water supply work approvals nominated by a floodplain harvesting (unregulated river) access licence – transitional exemption</p>	<p>Amending rules do not apply to the amendment of approvals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lodged prior to 31 December 2022</li> <li>for works constructed on or before 12 February 2021</li> <li>if also a flood work, subject to a flood work approval.</li> </ul>
<p>Account management</p>	<p>The account management rules for floodplain harvesting (unregulated river) access licences largely reflect those for unregulated river access licences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>take limit of 3 ML per unit share over 3 consecutive water years</li> <li>account limit of 3 ML per unit share at any time</li> <li>can carry over any unused allocation from one water year to the next, subject to the account limit not being exceeded.</li> </ul>
<p>Access rules</p>	<p>Access rules for unregulated river access licences (i.e. flow classes etc) <b>do not</b> apply to floodplain harvesting (unregulated river) access licences.</p>
<p>Active management</p>	<p>Only applies to floodplain harvesting (unregulated river) access licences with an extraction component that specifies the Mallowa Creek Management Zone.</p>
<p>Temporary trade (section 71T)</p>	<p>No trade of allocation under section 71T of the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i>, consistent with the NSW Floodplain Harvesting Policy.</p>

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<p><b>Permanent trade (section 71Q)</b></p>	<p>No trade of entitlement under section 71Q of the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i> in any of the following circumstances (unless the work was nominated by the licence when it was first issued):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to a work located outside the Gwydir Valley Floodplain</li> <li>• to a work located in management zones A or D.</li> </ul> <p>All other dealing rules are reflective of those that apply to unregulated river access licences</p> <p><b>Note.</b> Removal or modification of a work may be required under section 102 of the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i> following a dealing that results in a significant reduction in entitlement and the works are still able to take overland flow</p>
<p><b>Nomination of works (section 71W)</b></p>	<p>No nomination of works under section 71W of the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• located outside the Gwydir Valley Floodplain</li> <li>• located within management zone A or D.</li> </ul> <p>All other dealing rules are reflective of those that apply to unregulated river access licences</p>
<p><b>Mandatory conditions - licences</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only take overland flow within the Gwydir Valley Floodplain</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mandatory conditions - approvals</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exempt from flow measurement device requirement</li> <li>• Measurement conditions applied directly from the regulation</li> </ul>