

Managing groundwater extraction to limits - Presentation 3a

Exploring options in the Upper Murray groundwater source



We seek your input

The department must manage groundwater extraction to extraction limits defined in water sharing plans.

There are two methods available to reduce access if extraction by all water users exceeds the limit. These methods can be used separately or in combination.

We seek your comment on the method or combination of methods that best suits your area.





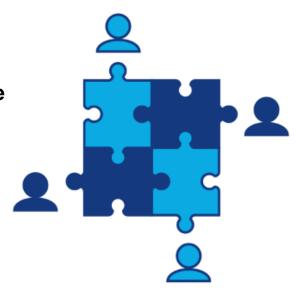
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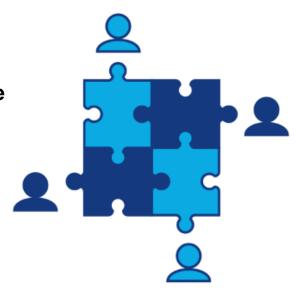
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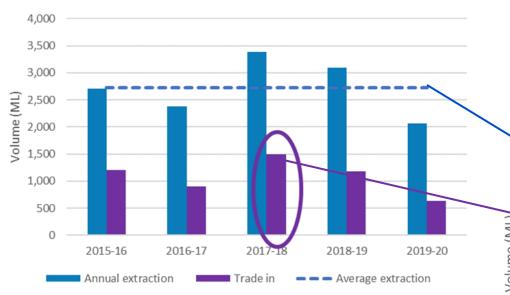
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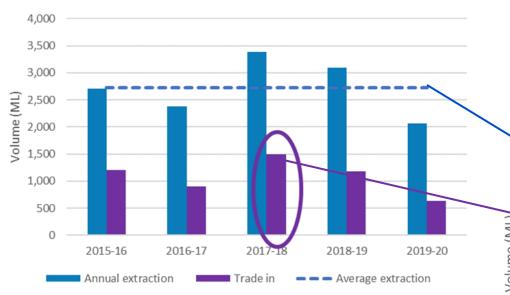
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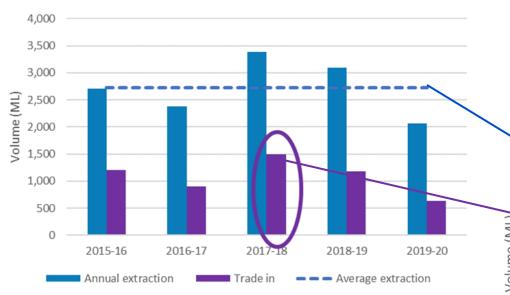
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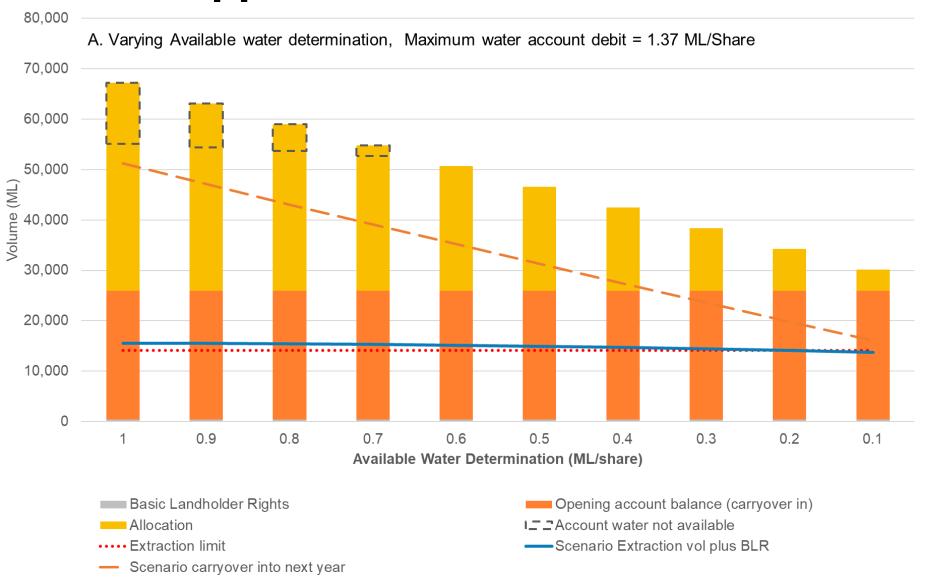


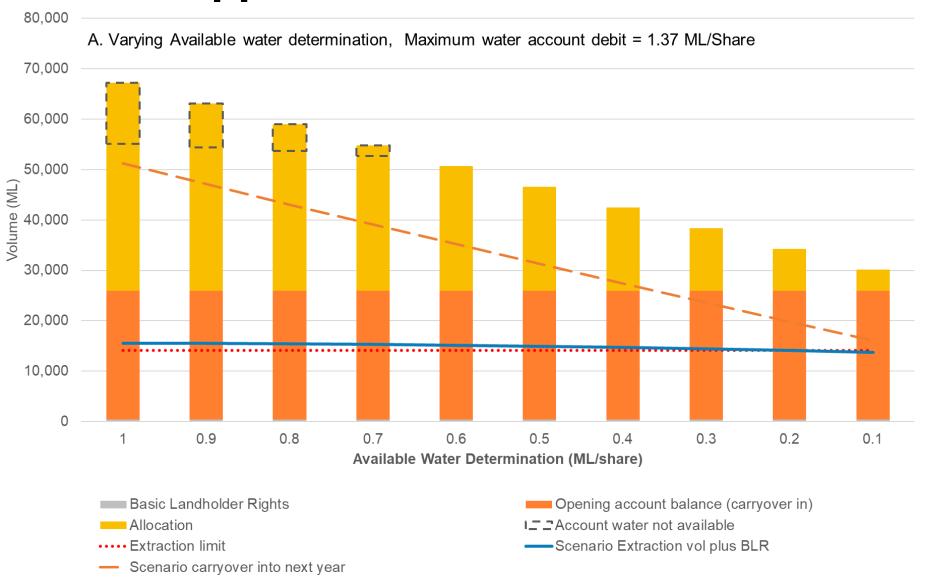
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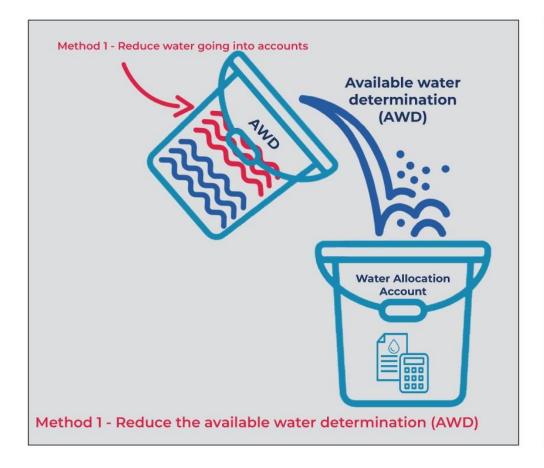
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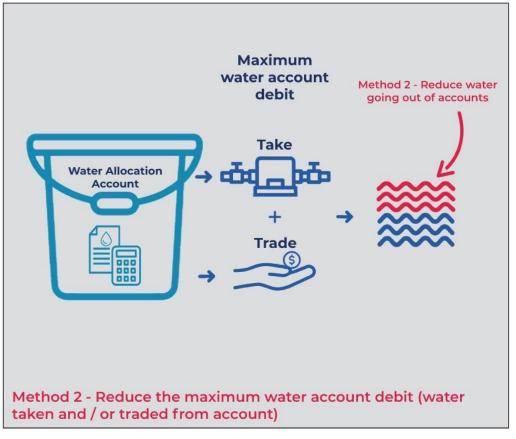
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Future approach – the methods







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Future approach - Options

	Option A Reduce water into accounts only	Option B Reduce water out of accounts only	Option C Combination of A and B	Option D Set total water to be taken at extraction limit
Available Water Determination	Reduce	Do not reduce	Reduce – based on set of principles or formulas	Reduce - based on allocating the difference between the limit and carryover
Maximum water account debit	No change	Reduce	Reduce – based on set of principles or formulas	No change - unless carryover exceeds limit then need to also reduce
Assumptions		past 5 year average ximum in past 5 years	No assumptions on individual extraction or trade	





















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- Makes no assumptions about likely use or trade by individuals and instead sets total water that can be taken from accounts at the extraction limit
- First, reduces available water determinations so total volume in accounts does not exceed extraction limit (carryover + allocation + BLR = limit).
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What is your preference?

Method

- A. Available water determination only?
- B. Maximum water account debit only?
- C. Combination available water determination and maximum water account debit?
- D. Set total water to be taken at extraction limit?



Assumptions / Principles

Continue with assumptions to predict future extraction?

Use different or additional assumptions around user and market behaviour to predict future extraction?

Make no assumptions about future use or trade as provided for in option D?

Licence holders allocated their 'share' of the extraction limit into their account?

Licence holders able to extract their 'share' of the extraction limit"?

Available water determinations should not drop below X before adjusting maximum water account debit?

Maximum water account debit should not drop below 1ML/share or other value before adjusting available water determinations?

Timing

Full return in Year 1 OR over maximum 3 years

- Return to the extraction limit in Year 1.
- Allow for adjustment -maximum 3 years to return to extraction limit, e.g.
 - Take action in year 1 to return to compliance trigger and action in year 2 to return to extraction limit
 - Take action over 3 years if available water determination in year 1 would be less than 0.5 ML/unit share



Default method and transition period

Default method

 If procedures not prepared and able to be implemented by 1 July 2021 and water sources exceed the extraction limits current method of only reducing available water determination will apply.

Transition Period

- Is a transition period required to provide enough time for water users to prepare for the 2021-22 water year?
- E.g. continue current approach of only reducing available water determinations for 2021-22 if limits are exceeded, commence new procedures from 1 July 2022.





Where to from here

Consultation Dec 2020 - Feb 2021

- Mail out to access licence holders
- Webpage
- Face to face sessions with recorded presentations and live Q & A

All feedback due 5 March 2021

Department develop implementation procedures

Implementation
July 2021

Announcements





Have your say

Your input can be provided by:

- Complete the feedback form on our webpage at <u>www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/managing-access-to-groundwater</u>
- Download the feedback form from our webpage and email it to us at water.relations@dpie.nsw.gov.au
- Post your feedback to Groundwater Consult, <u>Suite 5/620 Macauley St, Albury NSW 2640.</u>
- Provide feedback during a <u>face-to-face</u> <u>information session</u> in your local area.

Your feedback will need to be submitted by 5 March 2021.

Information sessions
Tuesday 2 February 2021

10.30am - 1.00pm

Howlong Golf Resort

186 Golf Club Drive,

Howlong NSW





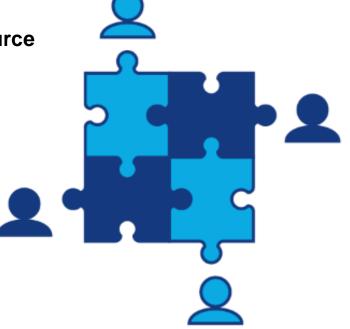
Presentation content

Presentation 1: Understanding extraction limits

Presentation 2: Extraction patterns in the Upper Murray groundwater source

Presentation 3: Exploring options in the Upper Murray groundwater source

- Current approach
- Future approach
- Options
- Where to from here.....







The End

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