



Exemption from metering conditions

under the

Water Management Act 2000

I, Jim Bentley, by delegation from the Minister administering the *Water Management Act 2000*, make this exemption.

Dated

16/03/21

JIM BENTLEY
Deputy Secretary, Water
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By delegation

Explanatory note

The purpose of this exemption is to provide that water users currently subject to various metering conditions imposed by water sharing plan provisions:

- (a) who installed a meter before commencement of this exemption, have until the expiry of the applicable temporary exemption under clause 230 of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018* to install an AS4747 compliant meter,
- (b) who have not installed a meter before commencement of this exemption, have until 1 December 2021 to install an AS4747 compliant meter and comply with the other applicable requirements of the new non-urban water metering rules imposed by the NSW Non-urban metering framework.

Those conditions provide that certain metering requirements must be complied with, unless exempted by the Minister.

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1 Name of Exemption

This Exemption is the *Exemption from metering conditions imposed under water sharing plans in the Lachlan, Murrumbidgee, Hunter, Richmond and Murray and Lower Darling Water Sources 2021*.

2 Commencement

This Exemption commences on the day on which it is executed.

3 Interpretation

(1) In this Exemption:

Mandatory condition means one or more conditions imposed on a water supply work approval pursuant to the following:

- (a) clause 66(1)(b) of the *Water Sharing Plan for the Lachlan Regulated River Water Source 2016*,
- (b) clause 81(1)(b) of the *Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2016*,
- (c) clause 67(1)(a) of the *Water Sharing Plan for the Hunter Regulated River Water Source 2016*,
- (d) clause 82(1)(b) of the *Water Sharing Plan for the Richmond River Area Unregulated, Regulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2010*, and
- (e) clause 66(1)(b) of the *Water Sharing Plan for the New South Wales Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Water Sources 2016*.

(2) A reference in this Exemption to a provision of a water sharing plan includes a reference to a provision of an expired water sharing plan which corresponds (or substantially corresponds) to that provision of the water sharing plan.

4 Exemption

- (1) All holders of a water supply work approval subject to a mandatory condition are exempt from the requirement under that condition to install metering equipment until 1 December 2021.
- (2) All holders of a water supply work approval subject to a mandatory condition are exempt from the requirement to install metering equipment that complies with *Australian Standard AS 4747, Meters for non-urban water supply* (as updated or amended from time to time) if:
 - (a) a meter is installed for the work,
 - (b) the meter was installed prior to or on the date this Exemption commenced, and
 - (c) the meter accurately measures and records the flow of all water taken through the water supply work.
- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in subclause 4(2) of this Exemption affects any other obligation in relation to a meter imposed by a mandatory condition.