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# **Rules Summary Sheet Bellinger-Nambucca Coastal Sands Groundwater Source**

Water sharing plan	North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources
Plan commencement	1 July 2016
Term of the plan	10 years

## **Rules summary**

	Limits to the availability of water	
Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 1,175 ML/yr	
Unassigned water	The volume of unassigned water is 1,070 ML/yr	
	<b>Note:</b> The volume of unassigned water may change throughout the life of the plan as a result of new licences being granted or existing licences being cancelled.	
Available water determinations	Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at commencement of each water year for:	
	Domestic and stock, local water utility and other specific purpose access licences – 100% of the share component	
	<ul> <li>Aquifer access licences – 1 ML/unit share or a lower amount as result of a growth in use response</li> </ul>	
Compliance with the	Growth in extractions will be assessed against the LTAAEL over a three year	
long-term average annual extraction	period. Average growth greater than 5% will result in a reduced available water determination, to bring extractions down to the LTAAEL.	
limit	determination, to bring extractions down to the ETAAEE.	
	Rules for granting access licences	
Granting of access licences	Granting of water access licences may be considered for the following categories:	
	<ul> <li>Specific purpose access including: local water utility, major water utility, domestic and stock and, town water supply;</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/yr per application;</li> </ul>	
	Aquifer access licences; and	
	Aquifer (Aboriginal community development) access licences.	
	Note: Aquifer access licences may only be granted under a controlled allocation order	
	made in relation to any unassigned water in this groundwater source.	
	Rules for managing access licences	
Carryover and	Carryover of account water is not permitted in this groundwater source. The	
account limit	maximum account limit is 100% of share components plus any adjustments	
	made for allocation assignments into or out of the account.	

Trading rules	
INTO groundwater source	Trades are not permitted into the groundwater source.
WITHIN groundwater source	Permitted subject to assessment.
Conversion to another category of access licence	Not permitted.

	Rules for water supply works approvals	
Rules to minimise interference between	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances:	
bores	200 m of an existing bore that is not used for basic rights;	
	50 m of an existing bore that is used for basic rights;	
	50 m of the boundary of the property (unless consent gained from neighbour);	
	300 m of a local or major water utility bore; and	
	200 m of a bore used by the Department for monitoring purposes.	
	The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.	
	Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.	
Rules for bores located near contamination sources	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a plume associated with a contamination source as identified in the plan:  • 250 m, or	
	between 250 m and 500 m if no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume, or	
	a distance greater than 500 m if necessary to protect the groundwater source, the environment or public health or safety.	
	The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.	
	Note: These rules apply to new and replacement bores NOT existing bores.	
	Note: Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 1 of the plan.	

### Rules for water supply works approvals No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores located near high distances of any high priority groundwater-dependent ecosystem (GDE), or a priority groundwaterriver or stream: dependent 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores that are used for basic rights; ecosystems 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; 800 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr; and 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river or stream. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. The plan may be amended to add or remove high priority groundwaterdependent ecosystems. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores. Note: Overview maps of the high priority GDEs identified in this plan are shown in Appendix 4. The legal map of the high priority GDEs (full colour and zoomable) can be found at http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores **located near National** distances of the boundary of a National Park estate: **Parks** 100 m for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; and 800 m for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. **Note:** These rules apply to **new** bores **NOT existing** or **replacement** bores. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within an area classed Rules for bores located near as having a high probability of occurrence of acid sulfate soils as shown on the potential acid sulfate Acid Sulfate Soil Risk Map maintained by the NSW Office of Environment and soils Heritage if, the Minister deems the work approval would result in a significant risk of acidification of this groundwater source. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT replacement bores used for Basic Landholder Rights or existing bores. Rules for bores No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following located near distances of a groundwater-dependent culturally significant site: groundwater-100 m for basic landholder rights bores; and dependent culturally 200 m for bores not used for basic landholder rights. significant sites The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. Where a culturally significant site is also a high priority GDE, the more restrictive distance restriction applies to the granting or amendment of a water supply work

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distance restrictions listed above.

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(up to maximum allowed from that bore at the start of the plan) within any of the

bores located within

restricted distances

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# **Rules Summary Sheet Clarence Coastal Sands Groundwater Source**

Water sharing plan	North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources
Plan commencement	1 July 2016
Term of the plan	10 years

### Rules summary

	Limits to the availability of water	
Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 4,200 ML/yr	
Upper extraction limit	The upper extraction limit is 9,550 ML/yr	
Unassigned water	The volume of unassigned water is 4,050 ML/yr  Note: The volume of unassigned water may change throughout the life of the plan as a result of new licences being granted or existing licences being cancelled.	
Available water determinations	Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at commencement of each water year for:	
	<ul> <li>Domestic and stock, local water utility and other specific purpose access licences – 100% of the share component</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Aquifer access licences – 1 ML/unit share or a lower amount as result of a growth in use response</li> </ul>	
Compliance with the long-term average annual extraction limit	Growth in extractions will be assessed against the LTAAEL over a three year period. Average growth greater than 5% will result in a reduced available water determination, to bring extractions down to the LTAAEL.	
	Rules for granting access licences	
Granting of access licences	Granting of water access licences may be considered for the following categories:	
	<ul> <li>Specific purpose access including: local water utility, major water utility, domestic and stock and, town water supply;</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/yr per application;</li> </ul>	
	Aquifer access licences; and	
	Aquifer (Aboriginal community development) access licences.  Note: Aquifer access licences may only be granted under a controlled allocation order made in relation to any unassigned water in this groundwater source.	

	Rules for managing access licences	
Carryover and account limit	Carryover of account water is not permitted in this groundwater source. The maximum account limit is 100% of share components plus any adjustments made for allocation assignments into or out of the account.	
Trading rules		
INTO groundwater source	Trades are not permitted into the groundwater source.	
WITHIN groundwater source	Permitted subject to assessment.	
Conversion to another category of access licence	Not permitted.	

	Rules for water supply works approvals
Rules to minimise interference between bores	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances:  200 m of an existing bore that is not used for basic rights;  50 m of an existing bore that is used for basic rights;  50 m of the boundary of the property (unless consent gained from neighbour);  300 m of a local or major water utility bore; and  200 m of a bore used by the Department for monitoring purposes.  The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.
Rules for bores located near contamination sources	<ul> <li>Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.</li> <li>No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a plume associated with a contamination source as identified in the plan: <ul> <li>250 m, or</li> <li>between 250 m and 500 m if no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume, or</li> <li>a distance greater than 500 m if necessary to protect the groundwater source, the environment or public health or safety.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</li> <li>Note: These rules apply to new and replacement bores NOT existing bores.</li> <li>Note: Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 1 of the plan.</li> </ul>

#### Rules for water supply works approvals No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores located near high distances of any high priority groundwater-dependent ecosystem (GDE), or a priority groundwaterriver or stream: dependent 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores that are used for basic rights; ecosystems 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; 800 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr; and 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river or stream. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. The plan may be amended to add or remove high priority groundwaterdependent ecosystems. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores. Note: Overview maps of the high priority GDEs identified in this plan are shown in Appendix 4. The legal map of the high priority GDEs (full colour and zoomable) can be found at http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores **located near National** distances of the boundary of a National Park estate: **Parks** 100 m for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; and 800 m for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. **Note:** These rules apply to **new** bores **NOT existing** or **replacement** bores. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within an area classed Rules for bores located near as having a high probability of occurrence of acid sulfate soils as shown on the potential acid sulfate Acid Sulfate Soil Risk Map maintained by the NSW Office of Environment and soils Heritage if, the Minister deems the work approval would result in a significant risk of acidification of this groundwater source. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT replacement bores used for Basic Landholder Rights or existing bores. Rules for bores No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following located near distances of a groundwater-dependent culturally significant site: groundwater-100 m for basic landholder rights bores; and dependent culturally 200 m for bores not used for basic landholder rights. significant sites

The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. Where a culturally significant site is also a high priority GDE, the more restrictive distance restriction applies to the granting or amendment of a water supply work

Rules for existing bores located within restricted distances

Existing water supply works (bores) can continue extraction of groundwater (up to maximum allowed from that bore at the start of the plan) within any of the distance restrictions listed above.

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# Rules Summary Sheet Coffs Harbour Coastal Sands Groundwater Source

Water sharing plan	North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources
Plan commencement	1 July 2016
Term of the plan	10 years

### Rules summary

	Limits to the availability of water
Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 3,110 ML/yr
Unassigned water	The volume of unassigned water is 2,982 ML/yr
	Note: The volume of unassigned water may change throughout the life of the plan as a
	result of new licences being granted or existing licences being cancelled.
Available water determinations	Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at commencement of each water year for:
	Domestic and stock, local water utility and other specific purpose access licences – 100% of the share component
	<ul> <li>Aquifer access licences – 1 ML/unit share or a lower amount as result of a growth in use response</li> </ul>
Compliance with the	Growth in extractions will be assessed against the LTAAEL over a three year
long-term average annual extraction	period. Average growth greater than 5% will result in a reduced available water
limit	determination, to bring extractions down to the LTAAEL.
	Rules for granting access licences
Granting of access licences	Granting of water access licences may be considered for the following categories:
	<ul> <li>Specific purpose access including: local water utility, major water utility, domestic and stock and, town water supply;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/yr per application;</li> </ul>
	Aquifer access licences; and
	Aquifer (Aboriginal community development) access licences.
	Note: Aquifer access licences may only be granted under a controlled allocation order
	made in relation to any unassigned water in this groundwater source.
	Rules for managing access licences
Carryover and	Carryover of account water is not permitted in this groundwater source. The
account limit	maximum account limit is 100% of share components plus any adjustments
	made for allocation assignments into or out of the account.

Trading rules	
INTO groundwater source	Trades are not permitted into the groundwater source.
WITHIN groundwater source	Permitted subject to assessment.
Conversion to another category of access licence	Not permitted.

	Rules for water supply works approvals
Rules to minimise interference between bores	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances:  • 200 m of an existing bore that is not used for basic rights;  • 50 m of an existing bore that is used for basic rights;  • 50 m of the boundary of the property (unless consent gained from neighbour);  • 300 m of a local or major water utility bore; and  • 200 m of a bore used by the Department for monitoring purposes.  The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.  Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.
Rules for bores located near contamination sources	<ul> <li>No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a plume associated with a contamination source as identified in the plan: <ul> <li>250 m, or</li> <li>between 250 m and 500 m if no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume, or</li> <li>a distance greater than 500 m if necessary to protect the groundwater source, the environment or public health or safety.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. <ul> <li>Note: These rules apply to new and replacement bores NOT existing bores.</li> <li>Note: Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 1 of the plan.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Rules for bores located near high priority groundwater- dependent ecosystems	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of any high priority groundwater-dependent ecosystem (GDE), or a river or stream:  100 m of a high priority GDE for bores that are used for basic rights;  100 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr;  400 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr;  800 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr; and  40 m from the top of the high bank of a river or stream.  The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. The plan may be amended to add or remove high priority groundwater-dependent ecosystems.  Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.  Note: Overview maps of the high priority GDEs identified in this plan are shown in Appendix 4. The legal map of the GDEs (full colour and zoomable) can be found at http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/.

	Rules for water supply works approvals
Rules for bores located near National Parks	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of the boundary of a National Park estate:  100 m for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr;  400 m for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; and
	800 m for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr.
	The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.  Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.
Rules for bores located near potential acid sulfate soils	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within an area classed as having a high probability of occurrence of acid sulfate soils as shown on the Acid Sulfate Soil Risk Map maintained by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage if, the Minister deems the work approval would result in a significant risk of acidification of this groundwater source.  Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT replacement bores used for Basic Landholder Rights or existing bores.
Rules for bores located near groundwater- dependent culturally significant sites	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a groundwater-dependent culturally significant site:  100 m for basic landholder rights bores; and 200 m for bores not used for basic landholder rights.  The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. Where a culturally significant site is also a high priority GDE, the more restrictive distance restriction applies to the granting or amendment of a water supply work approval.  Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.

### Rules for existing bores located within restricted distances

Existing water supply works (bores) can continue extraction of groundwater (up to maximum allowed from that bore at the start of the plan) within any of the distance restrictions listed above.

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# **Rules Summary Sheet Great Lakes Coastal Sands Groundwater Source**

Water sharing plan	North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources
Plan commencement	1 July 2016
Term of the plan	10 years

## **Rules summary**

	Limits to the availability of water
Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 16,000 ML/yr
Upper extraction limit	The upper extraction limit is 23,650 ML/yr
Unassigned Water	The volume of unassigned water is 13,755 ML/yr
	Note: The volume of unassigned water may change throughout the life of the plan as a
	result of new licences being granted or existing licences being cancelled.
Available water determinations	Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at commencement of each water year for:
	<ul> <li>Domestic and stock, local water utility and other specific purpose access licences – 100% of the share component</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Aquifer access licences – 1 ML/unit share or a lower amount as result of a growth in use response</li> </ul>
Compliance with the long-term average annual extraction limit	Growth in extractions will be assessed against the LTAAEL over a three year period. Average growth greater than 5% will result in a reduced available water determination, to bring extractions down to the LTAAEL.
	Rules for granting access licences
Granting of access licences	Granting of water access licences may be considered for the following categories:
	<ul> <li>Specific purpose access including: local water utility, major water utility, domestic and stock and, town water supply;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/yr per application;</li> </ul>
	Aquifer access licences; and
	Aquifer (Aboriginal community development) access licences.  Note: Aquifer access licences may only be granted under a controlled allocation order made in relation to any unassigned water in this groundwater source.

Rules for managing access licences	
Carryover and account limit	Carryover of account water is not permitted in this groundwater source. The maximum account limit is 100% of share components plus any adjustments made for allocation assignments into or out of the account.

Trading rules	
INTO groundwater source	Trades are not permitted into the groundwater source.
WITHIN groundwater source	Permitted subject to assessment.
Conversion to another category of access licence	Not permitted.

	Rules for water supply works approvals
Rules to minimise interference between bores	<ul> <li>No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances:</li> <li>200 m of an existing bore that is not used for basic rights;</li> <li>50 m of an existing bore that is used for basic rights;</li> <li>50 m of the boundary of the property (unless consent gained from neighbour);</li> <li>300 m of a local or major water utility bore; and</li> <li>200 m of a bore used by the Department for monitoring purposes.</li> <li>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</li> <li>Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.</li> </ul>
Rules for bores located near contamination sources	<ul> <li>No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a plume associated with a contamination source as identified in the plan:</li> <li>250 m, or</li> <li>between 250 m and 500 m if no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume, or</li> <li>a distance greater than 500 m if necessary to protect the groundwater source, the environment or public health or safety.</li> <li>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</li> <li>Note: These rules apply to new and replacement bores NOT existing bores.</li> <li>Note: Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 1 of the plan.</li> </ul>

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### Rules for existing bores located within restricted distances

Existing water supply works (bores) can continue extraction of groundwater (up to maximum allowed from that bore at the start of the plan) within any of the distance restrictions listed above.

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# **Rules Summary Sheet Hastings Coastal Sands Groundwater Source**

Water sharing plan	North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources
Plan commencement	1 July 2016
Term of the plan	10 years

### Rules summary

	Limits to the availability of water	
Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 7,100 ML/yr	
Upper extraction limit	The upper extraction limit is 17,700 ML/yr	
Unassigned water	The volume of unassigned water is 5,931 ML/yr  Note: The volume of unassigned water may change throughout the life of the plan as a result of new licences being granted or existing licences being cancelled.	
Available water determinations	Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at commencement of each water year for:	
	Domestic and stock, local water utility and other specific purpose access licences – 100% of the share component	
	Aquifer access licences – 1 ML/unit share or a lower amount as result of a growth in use response	
Compliance with the long-term average annual extraction limit	Growth in extractions will be assessed against the LTAAEL over a three year period. Average growth greater than 5% will result in a reduced available water determination, to bring extractions down to the LTAAEL.	
	Rules for granting access licences	
Granting of access licences	Granting of water access licences may be considered for the following categories:	
	<ul> <li>Specific purpose access including: local water utility, major water utility, domestic and stock and, town water supply;</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/yr per application;</li> </ul>	
	Aquifer access licences; and	
	Aquifer (Aboriginal community development) access licences.  Note: Aquifer access licences may only be granted under a controlled allocation order made in relation to any unassigned water in this groundwater source.	

Rules for managing access licences		
Carryover and account limit	Carryover of account water is not permitted in this groundwater source. The maximum account limit is 100% of share components plus any adjustments made for allocation assignments into or out of the account.	
Trading rules		
INTO groundwater source	Trades are not permitted into the groundwater source.	
WITHIN groundwater source	Permitted subject to assessment.	
Conversion to another category of access licence	Not permitted.	

	Rules for water supply works approvals	
Rules to minimise interference between bores	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances:  • 200 m of an existing bore that is not used for basic rights;  • 50 m of an existing bore that is used for basic rights;  • 50 m of the boundary of the property (unless consent gained from neighbour);  • 300 m of a local or major water utility bore; and  • 200 m of a bore used by the Department for monitoring purposes.  The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.	
Rules for bores located near contamination sources	<ul> <li>Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.</li> <li>No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a plume associated with a contamination source as identified in the plan: <ul> <li>250 m, or</li> <li>between 250 m and 500 m if no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume, or</li> <li>a distance greater than 500 m if necessary to protect the groundwater source, the environment or public health or safety.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</li> <li>Note: These rules apply to new and replacement bores NOT existing bores.</li> <li>Note: Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 1 of the plan.</li> </ul>	

#### Rules for water supply works approvals No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores located near high distances of any high priority groundwater-dependent ecosystem (GDE), or a priority groundwaterriver or stream: dependent 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores that are used for basic rights; ecosystems 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; 800 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr; and 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river or stream. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. The plan may be amended to add or remove high priority groundwaterdependent ecosystems. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores. Note: Overview maps of the high priority GDEs identified in this plan are shown in Appendix 4. The legal map of the high priority GDEs (full colour and zoomable) can be found at http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores **located near National** distances of the boundary of a National Park estate: **Parks** 100 m for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; and 800 m for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. **Note:** These rules apply to **new** bores **NOT existing** or **replacement** bores. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within an area classed Rules for bores located near as having a high probability of occurrence of acid sulfate soils as shown on the potential acid sulfate Acid Sulfate Soil Risk Map maintained by the NSW Office of Environment and soils Heritage if, the Minister deems the work approval would result in a significant risk of acidification of this groundwater source. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT replacement bores used for Basic Landholder Rights or existing bores Rules for bores No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following located near distances of a groundwater-dependent culturally significant site: groundwater-100 m for basic landholder rights bores; and dependent culturally 200 m for bores not used for basic landholder rights. significant sites The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.

Where a culturally significant site is also a high priority GDE, the more restrictive distance restriction applies to the granting or amendment of a water supply work

Rules for existing bores located within restricted distances

Existing water supply works (bores) can continue extraction of groundwater (up to maximum allowed from that bore at the start of the plan) within any of the distance restrictions listed above.

More information about the planning process for the North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources is available at the department's website: www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water

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# **Rules Summary Sheet Hawkesbury to Hunter Coastal Sands Groundwater Source**

Water sharing plan	North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources
Plan commencement	1 July 2016
Term of the plan	10 years

## **Rules summary**

	Limits to the availability of water
Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 20,445 ML/yr
Unassigned water	The volume of unassigned water is 12,740 ML/yr
	<b>Note:</b> The volume of unassigned water may change throughout the life of the plan as a result of new licences being granted or existing licences being cancelled.
Available water determinations	Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at commencement of each water year for:
	<ul> <li>Domestic and stock, local water utility and other specific purpose access licences – 100% of the share component</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Aquifer access licences – 1 ML/unit share or a lower amount as result of a growth in use response</li> </ul>
Compliance with the	Growth in extractions will be assessed against the LTAAEL over a three year
long-term average annual extraction	period. Average growth greater than 5% will result in a reduced available water determination, to bring extractions down to the LTAAEL.
limit	determination, to bring extractions down to the ETAAEE.
	Rules for granting access licences
Granting of access licences	Granting of water access licences may be considered for the following categories:
	<ul> <li>Specific purpose access including: local water utility, major water utility, domestic and stock and, town water supply;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/yr per application;</li> </ul>
	Aquifer access licences; and
	Aquifer (Aboriginal community development) access licences.
	Note: Aquifer access licences may only be granted under a controlled allocation order
	made in relation to any unassigned water in this groundwater source.
	Rules for managing access licences
Carryover and	Carryover of account water is not permitted in this groundwater source. The
account limit	maximum account limit is 100% of share components plus any adjustments
	made for allocation assignments into or out of the account.

Trading rules	
INTO groundwater source	Trades are not permitted into the groundwater source.
WITHIN groundwater source	Permitted subject to assessment.
Conversion to another category of access licence	Not permitted.

	Rules for water supply works approvals
Rules to minimise interference between bores	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances:  • 200 m of an existing bore that is not used for basic rights;  • 50 m of an existing bore that is used for basic rights;  • 50 m of the boundary of the property (unless consent gained from neighbour);  • 300 m of a local or major water utility bore; and  • 200 m of a bore used by the Department for monitoring purposes.  The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.  Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.
Rules for bores located near contamination sources	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a plume associated with a contamination source as identified in the plan:  • 250 m, or  • between 250 m and 500 m if no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume, or  • a distance greater than 500 m if necessary to protect the groundwater source, the environment or public health or safety.  The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.  Note: These rules apply to new and replacement bores NOT existing bores.  Note: Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 1 of the plan.
Rules for bores located near high priority groundwater- dependent ecosystems	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of any high priority groundwater-dependent ecosystem (GDE), or a river or stream:  100 m of a high priority GDE for bores that are used for basic rights;  100 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr;  400 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to100 ML/yr;  800 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr; and  40 m from the top of the high bank of a river or stream.  The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. The plan may be amended to add or remove high priority groundwater-dependent ecosystems.  Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.  Note: Overview maps of the high priority GDEs identified in this plan are shown in Appendix 4. The legal map of the high priority GDEs (full colour and zoomable) can be found at http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/.

	Rules for water supply works approvals
Rules for bores located near National Parks	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of the boundary of a National Park estate:  100 m for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr;  400 m for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; and  800 m for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr.
	The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.  Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.
Rules for bores located near potential acid sulfate soils	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within an area classed as having a high probability of occurrence of acid sulfate soils as shown on the Acid Sulfate Soil Risk Map maintained by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage if, the Minister deems the work approval would result in a significant risk of acidification of this groundwater source.  Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT replacement bores used for Basic Landholder Rights or existing bores.
Rules for bores located near groundwater- dependent culturally significant sites	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a groundwater-dependent culturally significant site:  100 m for basic landholder rights bores; and  200 m for bores not used for basic landholder rights.  The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. Where a culturally significant site is also a high priority GDE, the more restrictive distance restriction applies to the granting or amendment of a water supply work approval.  Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.

# bores located within restricted distances

(up to maximum allowed from that bore at the start of the plan) within any of the distance restrictions listed above.

More information about the planning process for the North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources is available at the department's website: www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water



# **Rules Summary Sheet Macleay Coastal Sands Groundwater Source**

Water sharing plan	North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources
Plan commencement	1 July 2016
Term of the plan	10 years

### Rules summary

	Limits to the availability of water
Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 11,300 ML/yr
Unassigned water	The volume of unassigned water is 7,939 ML/yr
	Note: The volume of unassigned water may change throughout the life of the plan as a
	result of new licences being granted or existing licences being cancelled.
Available water determinations	Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at commencement of each water year for:
	Domestic and stock, local water utility and other specific purpose access licences – 100% of the share component
	Aquifer access licences – 1 ML/unit share or a lower amount as result of a growth in use response
Compliance with the	Growth in extractions will be assessed against the LTAAEL over a three year
long-term average annual extraction	period. Average growth greater than 5% will result in a reduced available water
annual extraction limit	determination, to bring extractions down to the LTAAEL.
	Rules for granting access licences
Granting of access licences	Granting of water access licences may be considered for the following categories:
	Specific purpose access including: local water utility, major water utility, domestic and stock and, town water supply;
	<ul> <li>Aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/yr per application;</li> </ul>
	Aquifer access licences; and
	Aquifer (Aboriginal community development) access licences.
	Note: Aquifer access licences may only be granted under a controlled allocation order
	made in relation to any unassigned water in this groundwater source.
	Rules for managing access licences
Carryover and	Carryover of account water is not permitted in this groundwater source. The
account limit	maximum account limit is 100% of share components plus any adjustments
	made for allocation assignments into or out of the account.

Trading rules	
INTO groundwater source	Trades are not permitted into the groundwater source.
WITHIN groundwater source	Permitted subject to assessment.
Conversion to another category of access licence	Not permitted.

	Rules for water supply works approvals	
Rules to minimise interference between	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances:	
bores	200 m of an existing bore that is not used for basic rights;	
	50 m of an existing bore that is used for basic rights;	
	50 m of the boundary of the property (unless consent gained from neighbour);	
	300 m of a local or major water utility bore; and	
	200 m of a bore used by the Department for monitoring purposes.	
	The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.	
	Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.	
Rules for bores located near contamination sources	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a plume associated with a contamination source as identified in the plan:  • 250 m, or	
	between 250 m and 500 m if no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume, or	
	a distance greater than 500 m if necessary to protect the groundwater source, the environment or public health or safety.	
	The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.	
	Note: These rules apply to new and replacement bores NOT existing bores.	
	Note: Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 1 of the plan.	

### Rules for water supply works approvals No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores located near high distances of any high priority groundwater-dependent ecosystem (GDE), or a priority groundwaterriver or stream: dependent 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores that are used for basic rights; ecosystems 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; 800 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr; and 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river or stream. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. The plan may be amended to add or remove high priority groundwaterdependent ecosystems. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores. Note: Overview maps of the high priority GDEs identified in this plan are shown in Appendix 4. The legal map of the high priority GDEs (full colour and zoomable) can be found at http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores **located near National** distances of the boundary of a National Park estate: **Parks** 100 m for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; and 800 m for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. **Note:** These rules apply to **new** bores **NOT existing** or **replacement** bores. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within an area classed Rules for bores located near as having a high probability of occurrence of acid sulfate soils as shown on the potential acid sulfate Acid Sulfate Soil Risk Map maintained by the NSW Office of Environment and soils Heritage if, the Minister deems the work approval would result in a significant risk of acidification of this groundwater source. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT replacement bores used for Basic Landholder Rights or existing bores Rules for bores No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following located near distances of a groundwater-dependent culturally significant site: groundwater-100 m for basic landholder rights bores; and dependent culturally 200 m for bores not used for basic landholder rights. significant sites The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. Where a culturally significant site is also a high priority GDE, the more restrictive

distance restriction applies to the granting or amendment of a water supply work

## Rules for water supply works approvals Rules for replacement groundwater works

- The existing water supply work must have a water supply work approval.
- The replacement groundwater work must be constructed to extract water from the same groundwater source as the existing water supply work.
- The replacement groundwater work must be constructed to extract water from:
  - o the same depth as the existing water supply work; or
  - o a different depth if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems.
- The replacement groundwater work must be located:
  - o within 20 m of the existing water supply work; or
  - o a distance greater than 20 m of the existing water supply work if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems.
- If the existing water supply work is located within 40 m of the high bank of a river, the replacement groundwater work must be located:
  - o within 20 m of the existing water supply work but no closer to the high bank of the river; or
  - o more than 20 m of the existing water supply work, but no closer to the high bank of the river, if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems.
- The replacement groundwater work must not have a greater internal diameter or excavation footprint than the existing water supply work, except where the internal diameter of the casing of the existing water supply work is no longer manufactured, in which case the internal diameter of the replacement groundwater work is to be no greater than 110% of the internal diameter of the existing water supply work it replaces.

### Rules for existing bores located within restricted distances

Existing water supply works (bores) can continue extraction of groundwater (up to maximum allowed from that bore at the start of the plan) within any of the distance restrictions listed above.

More information about the planning process for the North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources is available at the department's website: www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water

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# Rules Summary Sheet Manning-Camden Haven Coastal Sands Groundwater Source

Water sharing plan	North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources
Plan commencement	1 July 2016
Term of the plan	10 years

### Rules summary

	Limits to the availability of water	
Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 3,300 ML/yr	
Upper extraction limit	The upper extraction limit is 16,100 ML/yr	
Unassigned water	The volume of unassigned water is 3,064 ML/yr  Note: The volume of unassigned water may change throughout the life of the plan as a result of new licences being granted or existing licences being cancelled.	
Available water determinations	Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at commencement of each water year for:	
	<ul> <li>Domestic and stock, local water utility and other specific purpose access licences – 100% of the share component</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Aquifer access licences – 1 ML/unit share or a lower amount as result of a growth in use response</li> </ul>	
Compliance with the long-term average annual extraction limit	Growth in extractions will be assessed against the LTAAEL over a three year period. Average growth greater than 5% will result in a reduced available water determination, to bring extractions down to the LTAAEL.	
	Rules for granting access licences	
Granting of access licences	Granting of water access licences may be considered for the following categories:	
	<ul> <li>Specific purpose access including: local water utility, major water utility, domestic and stock and, town water supply;</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/yr pe application;</li> </ul>	
	Aquifer access licences; and	
	<ul> <li>Aquifer (Aboriginal community development) access licences.</li> <li>Note: Aquifer access licences may only be granted under a controlled allocation order made in relation to any unassigned water in this groundwater source.</li> </ul>	

Rules for managing access licences	
Carryover and account limit	Carryover of account water is not permitted in this groundwater source. The maximum account limit is 100% of share components plus any adjustments made for allocation assignments into or out of the account.

Trading rules	
INTO groundwater source	Trades are not permitted into the groundwater source.
WITHIN groundwater source	Permitted subject to assessment.
Conversion to another category of access licence	Not permitted.

	Rules for water supply works approvals
Rules to minimise interference between bores	<ul> <li>No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances:</li> <li>200 m of an existing bore that is not used for basic rights;</li> <li>50 m of an existing bore that is used for basic rights;</li> <li>50 m of the boundary of the property (unless consent gained from neighbour);</li> <li>300 m of a local or major water utility bore; and</li> <li>200 m of a bore used by the Department for monitoring purposes.</li> <li>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</li> <li>Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.</li> </ul>
Rules for bores located near contamination sources	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a plume associated with a contamination source as identified in the plan:  • 250 m, or  • between 250 m and 500 m if no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume, or  • a distance greater than 500 m if necessary to protect the groundwater source, the environment or public health or safety.  The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.  Note: These rules apply to new and replacement bores NOT existing bores.  Note: Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 1 of the plan.

### Rules for water supply works approvals No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores located near high distances of any high priority groundwater-dependent ecosystem (GDE), or a priority groundwaterriver or stream: dependent 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores that are used for basic rights; ecosystems 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; 800 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr; and 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river or stream. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. The plan may be amended to add or remove high priority groundwaterdependent ecosystems. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores. Note: Overview maps of the high priority GDEs identified in this plan are shown in Appendix 4. The legal map of the high priority GDEs (full colour and zoomable) can be found at http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores **located near National** distances of the boundary of a National Park estate: **Parks** 100 m for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; and 800 m for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. **Note:** These rules apply to **new** bores **NOT existing** or **replacement** bores. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within an area classed Rules for bores located near as having a high probability of occurrence of acid sulfate soils as shown on the potential acid sulfate Acid Sulfate Soil Risk Map maintained by the NSW Office of Environment and soils Heritage if, the Minister deems the work approval would result in a significant risk of acidification of this groundwater source. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT replacement bores used for Basic Landholder Rights or existing bores. Rules for bores No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following located near distances of a groundwater-dependent culturally significant site: groundwater-100 m for basic landholder rights bores; and dependent culturally 200 m for bores not used for basic landholder rights. significant sites The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. Where a culturally significant site is also a high priority GDE, the more restrictive distance restriction applies to the granting or amendment of a water supply work

### Rules for existing bores located within restricted distances

Existing water supply works (bores) can continue extraction of groundwater (up to maximum allowed from that bore at the start of the plan) within any of the distance restrictions listed above.

More information about the planning process for the North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources is available at the department's website: www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water

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# Rules Summary Sheet Richmond Coastal Sands Groundwater Source

Water sharing plan	North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources
Plan commencement	1 July 2016
Term of the plan	10 years

### Rules summary

Limits to the availability of water		
Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 19,000 ML/yr	
Upper extraction limit	The upper extraction limit is 48,900 ML/yr	
Unassigned water	The volume of unassigned water is 17,545 ML/yr	
	Note: The volume of unassigned water may change throughout the life of the plan as a	
	result of new licences being granted or existing licences being cancelled.	
Available water determinations	Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at commencement of each water year for:	
	Domestic and stock, local water utility and other specific purpose access licences – 100% of the share component	
	<ul> <li>Aquifer access licences – 1 ML/unit share or a lower amount as result of a growth in use response</li> </ul>	
Compliance with the long-term average annual extraction limit	Growth in extractions will be assessed against the LTAAEL over a three year period. Average growth greater than 5% will result in a reduced available water determination, to bring extractions down to the LTAAEL.	
	Rules for granting access licences	
Granting of access licences	Granting of water access licences may be considered for the following categories:	
	<ul> <li>Specific purpose access including: local water utility, major water utility, domestic and stock and, town water supply;</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/yr per application;</li> </ul>	
	Aquifer access licences; and	
	Aquifer (Aboriginal community development) access licences.      Note: Aquifer access licences may only be granted under a controlled allocation order made in relation to any unassigned water in this groundwater source.	

Rules for managing access licences		
Carryover and account limit	Carryover of account water is not permitted in this groundwater source. The maximum account limit is 100% of share components plus any adjustments made for allocation assignments into or out of the account.	

Trading rules		
INTO groundwater source	Trades are not permitted into the groundwater source.	
WITHIN groundwater source	Permitted subject to assessment.	
Conversion to another category of access licence	Not permitted.	

Rules for water supply works approvals		
Rules to minimise interference between bores	<ul> <li>No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances:</li> <li>200 m of an existing bore that is not used for basic rights;</li> <li>50 m of an existing bore that is used for basic rights;</li> <li>50 m of the boundary of the property (unless consent gained from neighbour);</li> <li>300 m of a local or major water utility bore; and</li> <li>200 m of a bore used by the Department for monitoring purposes.</li> <li>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</li> <li>Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.</li> </ul>	
Rules for bores located near contamination sources	<ul> <li>No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a plume associated with a contamination source as identified in the plan:</li> <li>250 m, or</li> <li>between 250 m and 500 m if no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume, or</li> <li>a distance greater than 500 m if necessary to protect the groundwater source, the environment or public health or safety.</li> <li>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</li> <li>Note: These rules apply to new and replacement bores NOT existing bores.</li> <li>Note: Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 1 of the plan.</li> </ul>	

### Rules for water supply works approvals No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores located near high distances of any high priority groundwater-dependent ecosystem (GDE), or a priority groundwaterriver or stream: dependent 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores that are used for basic rights; ecosystems 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; 800 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr; and 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river or stream. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. The plan may be amended to add or remove high priority groundwaterdependent ecosystems. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores. Note: Overview maps of the high priority GDEs identified in this plan are shown in Appendix 4. The legal map of the high priority GDEs (full colour and zoomable) can be found at http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores **located near National** distances of the boundary of a National Park estate: **Parks** 100 m for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; and 800 m for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. **Note:** These rules apply to **new** bores **NOT existing** or **replacement** bores. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within an area classed Rules for bores located near as having a high probability of occurrence of acid sulfate soils as shown on the potential acid sulfate Acid Sulfate Soil Risk Map maintained by the NSW Office of Environment and soils Heritage if, the Minister deems the work approval would result in a significant risk of acidification of this groundwater source. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT replacement bores used for Basic

### Rules for bores located near groundwaterdependent culturally significant sites

No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a groundwater-dependent culturally significant site:

100 m for basic landholder rights bores; and

Landholder Rights or existing bores.

200 m for bores not used for basic landholder rights.

The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. Where a culturally significant site is also a high priority GDE, the more restrictive distance restriction applies to the granting or amendment of a water supply work

Rules for existing bores located within restricted distances

Existing water supply works (bores) can continue extraction of groundwater (up to maximum allowed from that bore at the start of the plan) within any of the distance restrictions listed above.

More information about the planning process for the North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources is available at the department's website: www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water



# **Rules Summary Sheet Stockton Groundwater Source**

Water sharing plan	North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources
Plan commencement	1 July 2016
Term of the plan	10 years

#### **Rules summary**

	Limits to the availability of water	
Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 14,000 ML/yr	
Unassigned water	The volume of unassigned water is 12,737.5 ML/yr	
	Note: The volume of unassigned water may change throughout the life of the plan as a	
	result of new licences being granted or existing licences being cancelled.	
Available water	Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at commencement of each	
determinations	water year for:	
	Domestic and stock, local water utility and other specific purpose access licences – 100% of the share component	
	Aquifer access licences – 1 ML/unit share or a lower amount as result of a growth in use response	
Compliance with the	Growth in extractions will be assessed against the LTAAEL over a three year	
long-term average	period. Average growth greater than 5% will result in a reduced available water	
annual extraction limit	determination to bring extractions down to the LTAAEL.	
	Rules for granting access licences	
Granting of access	Granting of water access licences may be considered for the following	
licences	categories:	
	Specific purpose access including: local water utility, major water utility, domestic and stock and, town water supply;	
	<ul> <li>Aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/yr per application;</li> </ul>	
	Aquifer access licences; and	
	Aquifer (Aboriginal community development) access licences.	
	Note: Aquifer access licences may only be granted under a controlled allocation order	
	made in relation to any unassigned water in this groundwater source.	
	Rules for managing access licences	
Carryover and	Carryover of up to 20% of the access licence share component is permitted from	
account limit	one water year to the next, with a maximum annual take limit of 120% of the	
	access licence share component plus any adjustments made due to trade.	

Trading rules	
INTO groundwater source	Trades are not permitted into the groundwater source.
WITHIN groundwater source	Permitted subject to assessment.
Conversion to another category of access licence	Not permitted.

	Rules for water supply works approvals
Rules to minimise interference between bores	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances:  200 m of an existing bore that is not used for basic rights;  50 m of an existing bore that is used for basic rights;  50 m of the boundary of the property (unless consent gained from neighbour);  300 m of a local or major water utility bore; and  200 m of a bore used by the Department for monitoring purposes.  The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.  Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.
Rules for bores located near contamination sources	<ul> <li>No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a plume associated with a contamination source as identified in the plan: <ul> <li>250 m, or</li> <li>between 250 m and 500 m if no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume, or</li> <li>a distance greater than 500 m if necessary to protect the groundwater source, the environment or public health or safety.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. <ul> <li>Note: These rules apply to new and replacement bores NOT existing bores.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Note: Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 1 of the plan.</li> </ul>
Rules for bores located near high priority groundwater- dependent ecosystems	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of any high priority groundwater-dependent ecosystem (GDE), or a river or stream:  100 m of a high priority GDE for bores that are used for basic rights;  100 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr;  400 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr;  800 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr; and  40 m from the top of the high bank of a river or stream.  The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. The plan may be amended to add or remove high priority groundwater-dependent ecosystems.  Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.  Note: Overview maps of the high priority GDEs identified in this plan are shown in Appendix 4. The legal map of the high priority GDEs (full colour and zoomable) can be found at http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/.

	Rules for water supply works approvals	
Rules for bores located near National Parks	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of the boundary of a National Park estate:  100 m for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr;  400 m for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; and  800 m for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr.	
	The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.  Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.	
Rules for bores located near potential acid sulfate soils	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within an area classed as having a high probability of occurrence of acid sulfate soils as shown on the Acid Sulfate Soil Risk Map maintained by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage if, the Minister deems the work approval would result in a significant risk of acidification of this groundwater source.  Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT replacement bores used for Basic Landholder Rights or existing bores.	
Rules for bores located near groundwater- dependent culturally significant sites	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a groundwater-dependent culturally significant site:  100 m for basic landholder rights bores; and  200 m for bores not used for basic landholder rights.  The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. Where a culturally significant site is also a high priority GDE, the more restrictive distance restriction applies to the granting or amendment of a water supply work approval.  Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.	

#### Rules for water supply works approvals The existing water supply work must have a water supply work approval. Rules for replacement The replacement groundwater work must be constructed to extract water groundwater works from the same groundwater source as the existing water supply work. The replacement groundwater work must be constructed to extract water from: o the same depth as the existing water supply work; or o a different depth if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems. The replacement groundwater work must be located: o within 20 m of the existing water supply work; or o a distance greater than 20 m of the existing water supply work if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems. If the existing water supply work is located within 40 m of the high bank of a river, the replacement groundwater work must be located: o within 20 m of the existing water supply work but no closer to the high bank of the river; or o more than 20 m of the existing water supply work, but no closer to the high bank of the river, if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems. The replacement groundwater work must not have a greater internal diameter or excavation footprint than the existing water supply work, except where the internal diameter of the casing of the existing water supply work is no longer manufactured, in which case the internal diameter of the replacement groundwater work is to be no greater than 110% of the internal diameter of the existing water supply work it replaces.

#### Rules for existing bores located within restricted distances

Existing water supply works (bores) can continue extraction of groundwater (up to maximum allowed from that bore at the start of the plan) within any of the distance restrictions listed above.

More information about the planning process for the North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources is available at the department's website: www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water



# **Rules Summary Sheet Stuarts Point Groundwater Source**

Water sharing plan	North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources
Plan commencement	1 July 2016
Term of the plan	10 years

#### **Rules summary**

	Limits to the availability of water
Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 4,180 ML/yr
Unassigned water	The volume of unassigned water is 425 ML/yr
	Note: The volume of unassigned water may change throughout the life of the plan as a
	result of new licences being granted or existing licences being cancelled.
Available water determinations	Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at commencement of each water year for:
	Domestic and stock, local water utility and other specific purpose access licences – 100% of the share component
	<ul> <li>Aquifer access licences – 1 ML/unit share or a lower amount as result of a growth in use response</li> </ul>
Compliance with the long-term average annual extraction limit	Growth in extractions will be assessed against the LTAAEL over a three year period. Average growth greater than 5% will result in a reduced available water determination to bring extractions down to the LTAAEL.
	Rules for granting access licences
Granting of access licences	Granting of water access licences may be considered for the following categories:
	<ul> <li>Specific purpose access including: local water utility, major water utility, domestic and stock and, town water supply;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/yr per application;</li> </ul>
	Aquifer access licences; and
	Aquifer (Aboriginal community development) access licences.  Note: Aquifer access licences may only be granted under a controlled allocation order made in relation to any unassigned water in this groundwater source.
	Rules for managing access licences
Carryover and account limit	Carryover of account water is not permitted in this groundwater source. The maximum account limit is 100% of share components plus any adjustments made for allocation assignments into or out of the account.

Trading rules	
INTO groundwater source	Trades are not permitted into the groundwater source.
WITHIN groundwater source	Permitted subject to assessment.
Conversion to another category of access licence	Not permitted.

Rules for water supply works approvals	
Rules to minimise	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following
interference between	distances:
bores	200 m of an existing bore that is not used for basic rights;
	50 m of an existing bore that is used for basic rights;
	50 m of the boundary of the property (unless consent gained from neighbour);
	300 m of a local or major water utility bore; and
	200 m of a bore used by the Department for monitoring purposes.
	The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.
	Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.
Rules for bores	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following
located near	distances of a plume associated with a contamination source as identified in the
contamination	plan:
sources	• 250 m, or
	between 250 m and 500 m if no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume, or
	a distance greater than 500 m if necessary to protect the groundwater source, the environment or public health or safety.
	The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.
	Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT replacement or existing bores.
	Note: Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 1 of the plan.

#### Rules for water supply works approvals Rules for bores located near high priority groundwaterriver or stream: dependent

No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of any high priority groundwater-dependent ecosystem (GDE), or a

- 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores that are used for basic rights;
- 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr;
- 400 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr;
- 800 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr; and
- 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river or stream.

The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. The plan may be amended to add or remove high priority groundwater dependent ecosystems.

Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.

Note: Overview maps of the high priority GDEs identified in this plan are shown in Appendix 4. The legal map of the high priority GDEs (full colour and zoomable) can be found at http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/.

#### Rules for bores **located near National Parks**

ecosystems

No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of the boundary of a National Park estate:

- 100 m for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr;
- 400 m for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; and
- 800 m for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr.

The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.

**Note:** These rules apply to **new** bores **NOT existing** or **replacement** bores.

#### Rules for bores located near potential acid sulfate soils

No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within an area classed as having a high probability of occurrence of acid sulfate soils as shown on the Acid Sulfate Soil Risk Map maintained by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage if, the Minister deems the work approval would result in a significant risk of acidification of this groundwater source.

Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT replacement bores used for Basic Landholder Rights or existing bores.

#### Rules for bores located near groundwaterdependent culturally significant sites

No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a groundwater-dependent culturally significant site:

- 100 m for basic landholder rights bores; and
- 200 m for bores not used for basic landholder rights.

The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. Where a culturally significant site is also a high priority GDE, the more restrictive distance restriction applies to the granting or amendment of a water supply work

#### Rules for water supply works approvals The existing water supply work must have a water supply work approval. Rules for replacement The replacement groundwater work must be constructed to extract water groundwater works from the same groundwater source as the existing water supply work. The replacement groundwater work must be constructed to extract water from: o the same depth as the existing water supply work; or o a different depth if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems. The replacement groundwater work must be located: within 20 m of the existing water supply work; or o a distance greater than 20 m of the existing water supply work if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems. If the existing water supply work is located within 40 m of the high bank of a river, the replacement groundwater work must be located: o within 20 m of the existing water supply work but no closer to the high bank of the river; or o more than 20 m of the existing water supply work, but no closer to the high bank of the river, if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems. The replacement groundwater work must not have a greater internal diameter or excavation footprint than the existing water supply work, except where the internal diameter of the casing of the existing water supply work is no longer manufactured, in which case the internal diameter of the

Rules for existing bores located within restricted distances

Existing water supply works (bores) can continue extraction of groundwater (up to maximum allowed from that bore at the start of the plan) within any of the distance restrictions listed above.

diameter of the existing water supply work it replaces.

replacement groundwater work is to be no greater than 110% of the internal

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# **Rules Summary Sheet Tomago Groundwater Source**

Water sharing plan	North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources
Plan commencement	1 July 2016
Term of the plan	10 years

#### **Rules summary**

	Limits to the availability of water
Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 25,000 ML/yr
Unassigned water	There is no unassigned water
	<b>Note:</b> The volume of unassigned water may change throughout the life of the plan as a result of licences being cancelled.
Available water determinations	Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at commencement of each water year for:
	Domestic and stock, local water utility and other specific purpose access licences – 100% of the share component
	<ul> <li>Aquifer access licences – 1 ML/unit share or a lower amount as result of a growth in use response</li> </ul>
Compliance with the	Growth in extractions will be assessed against the LTAAEL over a three year
long-term average annual extraction	period. Average growth greater than 5% will result in a reduced available water
limit	determination to bring extractions down to the LTAAEL.
	Rules for granting access licences
Granting of access licences	Granting of water access licences may be considered for the following categories:
	<ul> <li>Specific purpose access including: local water utility, major water utility, domestic and stock and, town water supply;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/yr per application; and</li> </ul>
	Aquifer (Aboriginal community development) access licences.
	Rules for managing access licences
Carryover and	Carryover of up to 20% of the access licence share component is permitted from
account limit access	one water year to the next, with a maximum annual take limit of 120% of the
licences	access licence share component plus any adjustments made due to trade.
	These rules do not apply to Major Utility licences (i.e. Hunter Water Corporation).

Carryover and account limit for Major Utility access licences	Carryover of up to 200% of account water is permitted, with a maximum take limit of 300% of share components over three years. These rules allow Hunter Water Corporation to manage their extraction to ensure the necessary flexibility to extract more than their annual entitlement in a dry year and less in wet years.
Access rules	Access rules that apply to Hunter Water Corporation are detailed in the plan. A plain English explanation of these rules is contained in the Background Document.

Trading rules	
INTO groundwater source	Trades are not permitted into the groundwater source.
WITHIN groundwater source	Permitted subject to assessment.
Conversion to another category of access licence	Not permitted.

Rules for water supply works approvals	
Rules to minimise interference between bores	<ul> <li>No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances:</li> <li>200 m of an existing bore that is not used for basic rights;</li> <li>50 m of an existing bore that is used for basic rights;</li> <li>50 m of the boundary of the property (unless consent gained from neighbour);</li> <li>300 m of a local or major water utility bore; and</li> <li>200 m of a bore used by the Department for monitoring purposes.</li> <li>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</li> <li>Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.</li> </ul>
Rules for bores located near contamination sources	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a plume associated with a contamination source as identified in the plan:  • 250 m, or  • between 250 m and 500 m if no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume, or  • a distance greater than 500 m if necessary to protect the groundwater source, the environment or public health or safety.  The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.  Note: These rules apply to new and replacement bores NOT existing bores.  Note: Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 1 of the plan.

#### Rules for water supply works approvals No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores located near high distances of any high priority groundwater-dependent ecosystem (GDE), or a priority groundwaterriver or stream: dependent 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores that are used for basic rights; ecosystems 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; 800 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr; and 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river or stream. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. The plan may be amended to add or remove high priority groundwaterdependent ecosystems. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores. Note: Overview maps of the high priority GDEs identified in this plan are shown in Appendix 4. The legal map of the high priority GDEs (full colour and zoomable) can be found at http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores **located near National** distances of the boundary of a National Park estate: **Parks** 100 m for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; and 800 m for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. **Note:** These rules apply to **new** bores **NOT existing** or **replacement** bores. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within an area classed Rules for bores located near as having a high probability of occurrence of acid sulfate soils as shown on the potential acid sulfate Acid Sulfate Soil Risk Map maintained by the NSW Office of Environment and soils Heritage if, the Minister deems the work approval would result in a significant risk of acidification of this groundwater source. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT replacement bores used for Basic Landholder Rights or existing bores. Rules for bores No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following located near distances of a groundwater-dependent culturally significant site: groundwater-100 m for basic landholder rights bores; and dependent culturally 200 m for bores not used for basic landholder rights. significant sites The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. Where a culturally significant site is also a high priority GDE, the more restrictive

distance restriction applies to the granting or amendment of a water supply work

#### Rules for water supply works approvals

#### Rules for replacement groundwater works

- The existing water supply work must have a water supply work approval.
- The replacement groundwater work must be constructed to extract water from the same groundwater source as the existing water supply work.
- The replacement groundwater work must be constructed to extract water from:
  - o the same depth as the existing water supply work; or
  - o a different depth if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems.
- The replacement groundwater work must be located:
  - within 20 m of the existing water supply work; or
  - o a distance greater than 20 m of the existing water supply work if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems.
  - within 50 metres of the existing water supply work if the existing authorised water supply work is part of a bore network operated by Hunter Water Corporation.
- If the existing water supply work is located within 40 m of the high bank of a river, the replacement groundwater work must be located:
  - within 20 m of the existing water supply work but no closer to the high bank of the river; or
  - more than 20 m of the existing water supply work, but no closer to the high bank of the river, if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems.
- The replacement groundwater work must not have a greater internal diameter or excavation footprint than the existing water supply work, except where the internal diameter of the casing of the existing water supply work is no longer manufactured, in which case the internal diameter of the replacement groundwater work is to be no greater than 110% of the internal diameter of the existing water supply work it replaces.

#### Rules for existing bores located within restricted distances

Existing water supply works (bores) can continue extraction of groundwater (up to maximum allowed from that bore at the start of the plan) within any of the distance restrictions listed above.

More information about the planning process for the North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources is available at the department's website: www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water



# **Rules Summary Sheet**

## **Tomaree Groundwater Source**

Water sharing plan	North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources
Plan commencement	1 July 2016
Term of the plan	10 years

#### **Rules summary**

	Limits to the availability of water	
Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 6,000 ML/yr	
Unassigned water	The volume of unassigned water is 985 ML/yr  Note: The volume of unassigned water may change throughout the life of the plan as a result of new licences being granted or existing licences being cancelled.	
Available water determinations	Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at commencement of each water year for:	
	<ul> <li>Domestic and stock, local water utility and other specific purpose access licences – 100% of the share component</li> <li>Aquifer access licences – 1 ML/unit share or a lower amount as result of a</li> </ul>	
Compliance with the long-term average annual extraction limit	growth in use response  Growth in extractions will be assessed against the LTAAEL over a three year period. Average growth greater than 5% will result in a reduced available water determination to bring extractions down to the LTAAEL.	
	Rules for granting access licences	
Granting of access licences	Granting of water access licences may be considered for the following categories:	
	Specific purpose access including: local water utility, major water utility, domestic and stock and, town water supply	
	Aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/yr per application	
	Aquifer access licences; and	
	Aquifer (Aboriginal community development) access licences.  Note: Aquifer access licences may only be granted under a controlled allocation order made in relation to any unassigned water in this groundwater source.	

Rules for managing access licences	
Carryover and account limit	Carryover of up to 20% of the access licence share component is permitted from one water year to the next, with a maximum annual take limit of 120% of the access licence share component plus any adjustments made due to trade.  These rules do not apply to the Major Water Utility (i.e. Hunter Water Corporation).
Carryover and account limit for Major Utility access licences	Carryover of up to 200% of account water is permitted, with a maximum take limit of 300% of share components over three years. These rules allow Hunter Water Corporation to manage their extraction to ensure the necessary flexibility to extract more than their annual entitlement in a dry year and less in wet years.
Access rules	Access rules that apply to Hunter Water Corporation are detailed in the plan. A plain English explanation of these rules is contained in the Background Document.

Trading rules	
INTO groundwater source	Trades are not permitted into the groundwater source.
WITHIN groundwater source	Permitted subject to assessment.
Conversion to another category of access licence	Not permitted.

	Rules for water supply works approvals	
Rules to minimise interference between bores	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances:  200 m of an existing bore that is not used for basic rights;  50 m of an existing bore that is used for basic rights;  50 m of the boundary of the property (unless consent gained from neighbour);  300 m of a local or major water utility bore; and  200 m of a bore used by the dept for monitoring purposes.  The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.	
Rules for bores located near contamination sources	<ul> <li>Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.</li> <li>No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a plume associated with a contamination source as identified in the plan: <ul> <li>250 m, or</li> <li>between 250 m and 500 m if no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume, or</li> <li>a distance greater than 500 m if necessary to protect the groundwater source, the environment or public health or safety.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</li> <li>Note: These rules apply to new and replacement bores NOT existing bores.</li> <li>Note: Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 1 of the plan.</li> </ul>	

#### Rules for water supply works approvals No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores located near high distances of any high priority groundwater-dependent ecosystem (GDE), or a priority groundwaterriver or stream: dependent 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores that are used for basic rights; ecosystems 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; 800 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr; and 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river or stream. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. The plan may be amended to add or remove high priority groundwaterdependent ecosystems. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores. Note: Overview maps of the high priority GDEs identified in this plan are shown in Appendix 4. The legal map of the high priority GDEs (full colour and zoomable) can be found at http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores **located near National** distances of the boundary of a National Park estate: **Parks** 100 m for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; and 800 m for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. **Note:** These rules apply to **new** bores **NOT existing** or **replacement** bores. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within an area classed Rules for bores located near as having a high probability of occurrence of acid sulfate soils as shown on the potential acid sulfate Acid Sulfate Soil Risk Map maintained by the NSW Office of Environment and soils Heritage if, the Minister deems the work approval would result in a significant risk of acidification of this groundwater source. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT replacement bores used for Basic Landholder Rights or existing bores. Rules for bores No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following located near distances of a groundwater-dependent cultural significant site: groundwater-100 m for basic landholder rights bores; and dependent culturally 200 m for bores not used for basic landholder rights. significant sites The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. Where a culturally significant site is also a high priority GDE, the more restrictive

distance restriction applies to the granting or amendment of a water supply work

#### Rules for water supply works approvals

#### Rules for replacement groundwater works

- The existing water supply work must have a water supply work approval.
- The replacement groundwater work must be constructed to extract water from the same groundwater source as the existing water supply work.
- The replacement groundwater work must be constructed to extract water from:
  - o the same depth as the existing water supply work; or
  - o a different depth if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems.
- The replacement groundwater work must be located:
  - within 20 m of the existing water supply work; or
  - o a distance greater than 20 m of the existing water supply work if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems.
  - within 50 metres of the existing water supply work if the existing authorised water supply work is part of a bore network operated by Hunter Water Corporation.
- If the existing water supply work is located within 40 m of the high bank of a river, the replacement groundwater work must be located:
  - o within 20 m of the existing water supply work but no closer to the high bank of the river; or
  - o more than 20 m of the existing water supply work, but no closer to the high bank of the river, if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems.
- The replacement groundwater work must not have a greater internal diameter or excavation footprint than the existing water supply work, except where the internal diameter of the casing of the existing water supply work is no longer manufactured, in which case the internal diameter of the replacement groundwater work is to be no greater than 110% of the internal diameter of the existing water supply work it replaces.

#### Rules for existing bores located within restricted distances

Existing water supply works (bores) can continue extraction of groundwater (up to maximum allowed from that bore at the start of the plan) within any of the distance restrictions listed above.

More information about the planning process for the North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources is available at department's website: www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water

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# **Rules Summary Sheet**

### **Tweed-Brunswick Coastal Sands Groundwater Source**

Water sharing plan	North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources
Plan commencement	1 July 2016
Term of the plan	10 years

#### Rules summary

	Limits to the availability of water
Long-term average annual extraction limit	The long-term average annual extraction limit (LTAAEL) is 19,000 ML/yr
Upper extraction limit	The upper extraction limit is 21,750 ML/yr
Unassigned water	The volume of unassigned water is 18,287 ML/yr  Note: The volume of unassigned water may change throughout the life of the plan as a
	result of new licences being granted or existing licences being cancelled.
Available water determinations	Available water determinations (AWDs) will be made at commencement of each water year for:
	Domestic and stock, local water utility and other specific purpose access licences – 100% of the share component
	<ul> <li>Aquifer access licences – 1 ML/unit share or a lower amount as result of a growth in use response</li> </ul>
Compliance with the long-term average annual extraction limit	Growth in extractions will be assessed against the LTAAEL over a three year period. Average growth greater than 5% will result in a reduced available water determination, to bring extractions down to the LTAAEL.
	Rules for granting access licences
Granting of access licences	Granting of water access licences may be considered for the following categories:
	<ul> <li>Specific purpose access including: local water utility, major water utility, domestic and stock and, town water supply;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Aquifer (Aboriginal cultural) access licences up to a maximum of 10 ML/yr per application;</li> </ul>
	Aquifer access licences; and
	Aquifer (Aboriginal community development) access licences.      Note: Aquifer access licences may only be granted under a controlled allocation order made in relation to any unassigned water in this groundwater source.

Rules for managing access licences	
Carryover and account limit	Carryover of account water is not permitted in this groundwater source. The maximum account limit is 100% of share components plus any adjustments made for allocation assignments into or out of the account.

Trading rules	
INTO groundwater source	Trades are not permitted into the groundwater source.
WITHIN groundwater source	Permitted subject to assessment.
Conversion to another category of access licence	Not permitted.

	Rules for water supply works approvals
Rules to minimise interference between bores	<ul> <li>No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances:</li> <li>200 m of an existing bore that is not used for basic rights;</li> <li>50 m of an existing bore that is used for basic rights;</li> <li>50 m of the boundary of the property (unless consent gained from neighbour);</li> <li>300 m of a local or major water utility bore; and</li> <li>200 m of a bore used by the Department for monitoring purposes.</li> <li>The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.</li> <li>Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores.</li> </ul>
Rules for bores located near contamination sources	No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following distances of a plume associated with a contamination source as identified in the plan:  • 250 m, or  • between 250 m and 500 m if no drawdown of water will occur within 250 m of the plume, or  • a distance greater than 500 if necessary to protect the groundwater source, the environment or public health or safety.  The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied.  Note: These rules apply to new and replacement bores NOT existing bores.  Note: Contamination sources are identified in Schedule 1 of the plan.

#### Rules for water supply works approvals No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores located near high distances of any high priority groundwater-dependent ecosystem (GDE), or a priority groundwaterriver or stream: dependent 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores that are used for basic rights; ecosystems 100 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; 800 m of a high priority GDE for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr; and 40 m from the top of the high bank of a river or stream. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. The plan may be amended to add or remove high priority groundwaterdependent ecosystems. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT existing or replacement bores. Note: Overview maps of the high priority GDEs identified in this plan are shown in Appendix 4. The legal map of the high priority GDEs (full colour and zoomable) can be found at http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following Rules for bores **located near National** distances of the boundary of a National Park estate: **Parks** 100 m for bores licensed to extract up to 20 ML/yr; 400 m for bores licensed to extract more than 20 ML/yr and up to 100 ML/yr; and 800 m for bores licensed to extract more than 100 ML/yr. The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. **Note:** These rules apply to **new** bores **NOT existing** or **replacement** bores. No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within an area classed Rules for bores located near as having a high probability of occurrence of acid sulfate soils as shown on the potential acid sulfate Acid Sulfate Soil Risk Map maintained by the NSW Office of Environment and soils Heritage if, the Minister deems the work approval would result in a significant risk of acidification of this groundwater source. Note: These rules apply to new bores NOT replacement bores used for Basic Landholder Rights or existing bores. Rules for bores No water supply work (bores) to be granted or amended within the following located near distances of a groundwater-dependent culturally significant site: groundwater-100 m for basic landholder rights bores; and dependent culturally 200 m for bores not used for basic landholder rights. significant sites The plan lists circumstances in which these distance conditions may be varied. Where a culturally significant site is also a high priority GDE, the more restrictive

distance restriction applies to the granting or amendment of a water supply work

#### Rules for water supply works approvals The existing water supply work must have a water supply work approval. Rules for replacement The replacement groundwater work must be constructed to extract water groundwater works from the same groundwater source as the existing water supply work. The replacement groundwater work must be constructed to extract water from: o the same depth as the existing water supply work; or o a different depth if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems. The replacement groundwater work must be located: within 20 m of the existing water supply work; or o a distance greater than 20 m of the existing water supply work if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems. If the existing water supply work is located within 40 m of the high bank of a river, the replacement groundwater work must be located: o within 20 m of the existing water supply work but no closer to the high bank of the river; or o more than 20 m of the existing water supply work, but no closer to the high bank of the river, if the Minister is satisfied that doing so will result in no greater impact on the groundwater source or its dependent ecosystems. The replacement groundwater work must not have a greater internal diameter or excavation footprint than the existing water supply work, except where the internal diameter of the casing of the existing water supply work is no longer manufactured, in which case the internal diameter of the replacement groundwater work is to be no greater than 110% of the internal diameter of the existing water supply work it replaces. Existing water supply works (bores) can continue extraction of groundwater Rules for existing

bores located within restricted distances

(up to maximum allowed from that bore at the start of the plan) within any of the distance restrictions listed above.

More information about the planning process for the North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources is available at the department's website: www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water