



New South Wales
Government

Access Licence Dealing Principles (Interstate Assignments) Order 2023 (No 2)

under the

Water Management Act 2000

I, Ashraf El-Sherbini, by delegation from the Minister administering the *Water Management Act 2000*, in pursuance of section 71Z of the *Water Management Act 2000*, make the following Order.

Dated: 23 August 2023

ASHRAF EL-SHERBINI
Chief Operations Officer, Water
Department of Planning and Environment
By delegation

Explanatory note

This object of this order is to prohibit the interstate assignments of water allocations from Victoria and South Australia to access licences in the NSW Murray, Lower Darling and Murrumbidgee Regulated River water sources. This is to mitigate the risk that water traded from Victoria or South Australia to NSW access licence holders is not available to be delivered in the future because of the inability to capture inflows while Hume Dam is spilling.

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1 Name of Order

This Order is the *Access Licence Dealing Principles (Interstate Assignments) Order 2023 (No 2)*.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website and ceases to have effect on 30 September 2023, unless repealed earlier.

3 Repeals

The *Access Licence Dealing Principles (Interstate Assignments) Order 2023* dated 16 June 2023 is repealed on commencement of this Order.

4 Dealing prohibition

- (a) A dealing under section 71V of the Act for the interstate assignment of water allocations to credit the water allocation account of any access licence that takes water from one or more of the following water sources is prohibited:
- (i) New South Wales Murray Regulated River Water Source as described in the *Water Sharing Plan for the New South Wales Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Water Sources 2016*,
 - (ii) Lower-Darling Regulated River Water Source as described in the *Water Sharing Plan for the New South Wales Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Water Sources 2016*,
 - (iii) Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source as described in the *Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2016*.

5 Interpretation

Unless otherwise defined, words and expressions in this Order that are defined in the *Water Management Act 2000* or in regulations made under that Act have the same meaning in this Order.