



# Water Sharing Plan for the Lower Gwydir Groundwater Source Amendment Order 2013

under the

Water Management Act 2000

I, the Minister for Primary Industries, in pursuance of section 45 (1) (a) of the *Water Management Act 2000*, being satisfied it is in the public interest to do so, make the following Order to amend the *Water Sharing Plan for the Lower Gwydir Groundwater Source 2003*.

Dated this thirty first day of March 2013.

**KATRINA HODGKINSON, MP**  
**Minister for Primary Industries**

## **Explanatory note**

This Order is made under section 45 (1) (a) of the *Water Management Act 2000*. The object of this Order is to amend the *Water Sharing Plan for the Lower Gwydir Groundwater Source 2003*. The concurrence of the Minister for the Environment was obtained prior to the making of this Order.

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### **1 Name of Order**

This Order is the *Water Sharing Plan for the Lower Gwydir Groundwater Source Amendment Order 2013*.

### **2 Commencement**

This Order commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

## Schedule 1 Amendment of the Water Sharing Plan for the Lower Gwydir Groundwater Source 2003

### [1] Clause 26 Rules for granting access licences

Omit clause 26 (2). Insert instead:

- (2) Applications for access licences may be made and access licences granted in this groundwater source if they are:
- (a) a specific purpose access licence for which an application may be made under the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2011* (hereafter **the Regulation**) in accordance with section 61 (1) (a) of the Act, or
    - Notes.**
    - 1 Clause 10 of the Regulation provides for the following specific purpose access licences to be applied for:
      - (a) a local water utility access licence (subcategory “domestic and commercial”), for the purpose of domestic consumption and commercial activities,
      - (b) a domestic and stock access licence (subcategory “domestic”), for the purpose of domestic consumption,
      - (c) an aquifer access licence (subcategory “town water supply”), for the purpose of supply to communities for domestic consumption and commercial activities,
      - (d) any category of specific purpose access licence (subcategory “Aboriginal cultural”), for Aboriginal cultural purposes.
    - 2 Pursuant to sections 66 (3) and 66 (4) of the Act, the Minister may also vary the share component of a local water utility access licence at 5 year intervals, or on application of the local water utility where there is rapid growth in population.
  - (b) an access licence with a zero share component in accordance with sections 61 (1) (b) and 63 (5) of the Act, or
  - (c) an access licence that may be granted in accordance with a dealing that is permitted under Part 11 of this Plan, or
  - (d) a domestic and stock access licence, if the water taken under the licence is to be delivered via the Lower Gingham Pipeline.

### [2] Clause 26 (7)

Insert after clause 26 (6):

- (7) An application may not be made for a domestic and stock access licence if the granting of the licence would cause the total share components of domestic and stock access licences granted under subclause (2) (d) to exceed 200 ML/yr.