



New South Wales
Government

Access Licence Dealing Principles (Interstate Assignments) Order 2023

under the

Water Management Act 2000

I, Graham Attenborough, 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: 16th day of June 2023

GRAHAM ATTENBOROUGH
Chief Operating 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 hold sufficient water in storage without it spilling.

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1 Name of Order

This Order is the *Access Licence Dealing Principles (Interstate Assignments) Order 2023*.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on 1 July 2023 and ceases to have effect on 31 August 2023, unless repealed earlier.

3 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*.

4 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.