

Fact Sheet



Understanding the Rules for Transfer of Entitlement in the Upper Ovens Water Management Plan

The rules for Transfers of Entitlement are based around the following principles:

1. Groundwater and surface water in Zone 1 have consistent rules
2. Trade Upstream can occur as Winter-take only
3. Trade of all-year licences can occur Downstream only and subject to loss of 20%.
4. Trade/convert from Zone 1 all-year Groundwater to Surface water but not Surface water to Groundwater
5. Shifting entitlement from Zone 1 all-year to Winter-take or Zone 2 benefits summer flow and is supported

The Upper Ovens Water Management Plan proposes rules for the transfer between groundwater and surface water. This fact sheet aims to simplify and outline the types of transfer available for each licence type held in the Upper Ovens River Water Supply Protection Area.

Zone 1 All-year Surface Water Licence

A holder of an all-year surface water licence can undertake the following actions:

Transfer to another Property as Surface Water:

- ☐☐☐ downstream to a Zone 1 All-year licence subject to losing 20% of transferred amount.
- ☐☐☐ anywhere to a Zone 1 Winter-take licence.

Convert and transfer to another property as Groundwater:

- ☐☐☐ anywhere to Zone 1 Winter-take licence.
- ☐☐☐ anywhere to a Zone 2 groundwater licence

Convert on your own Property:

- ☐☐☐ to a Winter-take surface water licence.
- ☐☐☐ to a Winter-take groundwater licence
- ☐☐☐ to a Zone 2 groundwater licence

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Zone 1 All-year groundwater Licence

A holder of a Zone 1 all-year groundwater licence can undertake the following actions:





Transfer to another Property as groundwater:

-  downstream to a Zone 1 All-year licence subject to losing 20% of transferred amount.
-  anywhere as a Zone 1 Winter-take licence.
-  anywhere to a Zone 2 groundwater licence

Convert and transfer to another property as surface water:

-  downstream to a Zone 1 All-year licence subject to losing 20% of transferred amount.
-  anywhere to a Zone 1 Winter-take licence.

Convert on your own Property:

-  to a all-year surface water licence
-  to a Winter-take surface water licence.
-  to a Winter-take groundwater licence
-  to a Zone 2 groundwater licence



Zone 1 Winter-take Surface Water Licence

A holder of a winter-take surface water licence can undertake the following actions:



Transfer to another Property as Surface Water:

-  anywhere as a Zone 1 Winter-take licence.

Convert and transfer to another property as Groundwater:

-  anywhere to Zone 1 Winter-take licence.
-  anywhere to a Zone 2 groundwater licence



Convert on your own Property:

-  to a Winter-take groundwater licence
-  to a Zone 2 groundwater licence

Zone 1 Winter-take Groundwater Licence

A holder of a winter-take groundwater licence can undertake the following actions:



Transfer to another Property as groundwater:

-  anywhere as a Zone 1 Winter-take licence.
-  anywhere to a Zone 2 groundwater licence

Convert and transfer to another property as Surface water:

-  Transfer anywhere to Zone 1 Winter-take licence.

Convert on your own Property:

-  to a Winter-take surface water licence
-  to a Zone 2 groundwater licence

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Zone 2 Groundwater Licence

A holder of a Zone 2 groundwater licence can undertake the following actions:



Transfer to another Property as groundwater:

-  anywhere as a Zone 1 Winter-take licence.
-  anywhere to a Zone 2 groundwater licence

Convert and transfer to another property as Surface water:

-  anywhere to Zone 1 Winter-take licence.

Convert on your own Property:

-  to a Winter-take surface water licence
-  to a Winter-take groundwater licence

Registration Licence

A holder of a registration licence can apply to have their licence converted to an all-year surface water licence. Once converted they have the same options for transfer as a all-year surface water licence holder.

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