

# Hay PID Policy 2 - Operational Rules for Irrigation Water Delivery

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HPID operates a water delivery system according to a set of Operational Rules that are determined by HPID's Board (Board). The Board reserves the right to review HPID's Operational Rules and, if deemed necessary, vary these rules at any time, to meet the Boards requirements and operate the scheme in an efficient and equitable manner.

## **Water Ordering and Delivery:**

The ordering of river water for delivery into the HPID infrastructure is solely the responsibility of HPID Staff and it is carried out in accordance with regulations established by Water NSW (State Water Authority).

PID customers must place a water order, either electronically or manually, with the PID ordering system. The property outlet size determines the maximum flow per day available. These orders need to comply with Water NSW (State Water Authority) regulations.

Customers may place an order up to the equivalent of 50% of their available Delivery Entitlements at one time to the maximum of 100ML (in any one order). This order must be filled before a new order can be placed.

Taking water without notification or outside the granted period of access may result in a financial penalty as determined by the HPID Board at the time. The HPID Board reserves the right to withhold irrigation water delivery if a member has any outstanding fees and charges.

Delivery of water is to occur at a registered property outlet with an accepted metering device that has been installed in accordance with guidelines issued by the HPID for the purposes of accessing water allocation delivered to a property.

## **Unused seasonal allocations:**

All unused seasonal allocations will be carried over by the HPID in accordance with the States Water Authority's seasonal carry over regulations.

## **Carryover:**

Any water not used within a season will be carried over by the HPID in accordance with the State Water Authority's seasonal carry over regulations unless the user applies for a temporary transfer of the seasonal balance into another Water Access Licence.

### **HPID System water transfers:**

HPID members that hold water entitlement and allocation outside of the HPID, may transfer water allocation into the PID for delivery to their landholding. A temporary transfer of water allocation from the members WAL to the HPID WAL must be completed before any water order or delivery can be made.

A transfer of allocation (temporary transfer) can be made through either:

1. A Term Transfer for 1 or more seasons of entitlement to the HPID; or
2. A temporary allocation transfer as irrigation water is available and required.

Water allocation transferred into the HPID will be subject to the current delivery charges set out in the HPID Schedule of Charges, published on the HPID website.

HPID members with Water Entitlement that wish to transfer available water allocation out of HPID to a member's WAL, must complete a temporary water transfer from the HPID WAL. All transfer costs (both those imposed by HPID and WaterNSW) will be borne by the member.

Members wishing to transfer allocation out of the HPID should contact PID staff to obtain an accurate account of water remaining against their water entitlement, prior to completing the transfer forms.

Hay PID transfer forms should be lodged with the PID office accompanied by payment for all transfer fees to the HPID. The completion of transfer forms and payment of transfer fees is the sole responsibility of the member applicant. Incomplete forms or non-payment or incorrect payment of transfer fees may result in a delay in processing the application by the PID Office.

Approval of temporary transfers of water allocation in and out of the HPID will be subject to satisfactory financial arrangements being made with the HPID for the payment of any outstanding fees and charges.

Once the application for temporary transfer of water off the HPID WAL has been approved by the HPID, the WaterNSW transfer forms will be completed by the PID as the holder of the WAL. It will then be the responsibility of the member/customer to ensure that transfer forms are lodged with, and relevant fees are paid to WaterNSW.

Temporary transfer rules imposed by NSW Water Authorities may change and affect this policy. The risk and cost associated with NSW Government requirements will rest with the HPID member requesting the transfer.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this policy is accurate. The Hay PID does not warrant the accuracy, reliability or completeness of the information and excludes liability for any decision or action taken on the basis of information included in or omitted from this policy document.

Internal transfer of water entitlement within the PID must be lodged on the Hay PID transfer form available on the PID website, together with payment of the transfer fee.

### **Issue of Delivery Entitlements:**

The PID will assign a maximum upper limit to the number of Delivery Entitlements that can be issued within each section of the pipeline, which will relate to 100% of the optimal operating capacity of the pipeline system. This will protect the integrity and value of Delivery Entitlements for all members/customers that own them. The maximum upper limit of DEs will be reviewed over time by the PID Board.

The PID will issue new DEs to any customer upon written request to the PID Board, up to the maximum upper limit for the section of the pipeline in which the customer's outlet/s are located. These DEs will attract the annual DE charges and be subject to termination fees.

In theory, the larger the number of DEs issued, the lower the cost per DE to own and hold, as the fixed costs to run the Hay PID business are spread across a greater number of DEs. Full utilisation of the pipeline through the issue of a maximum number of DEs will benefit all customers through lower fees and charges.

If a customer requires more DEs than the PID can issue (that is, the available number of DEs for that section of pipeline is fully allocated), the PID Board will do their best to facilitate the transfer of DEs from willing transferees/sellers (if they exist) within the relevant sections of pipeline.

Customers choosing to transfer water allocation into the PID on an annual basis and use the Casual Use rate of delivery charges, will be issued with temporary DEs by the PID Board if there is spare capacity in the section of the pipeline in which the customer's outlets are located. That is, the Maximum Upper Limit of DEs has not been reached for the relevant section of the pipeline.

If there is insufficient capacity in the pipeline to issue Temporary DEs, the PID will facilitate the temporary trade of DEs from other customers where available. If there are insufficient DEs available through trade or transfer, customers using Casual Use rates will only receive water deliveries when the orders of DE owners are satisfied. That is Casual Use customers will take their place behind DE owners in times of delivery constraint.

Temporary DEs will extinguish at the end of the irrigation season (30 June) each year.

Carry over of water allocation traded into the PID from another river licence may be available on the Hay PID licence if there is capacity (water allocation attached to the Hay PID WAL will be given priority for available carry over capacity). If there is capacity to carry over transferred allocation, this will be subject to a carry-over fee set by the PID Board and based on current market prices for carry-over provisions.

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Any temporary DEs relating to carried over allocation will be extinguished at the end of the current season. New temporary DEs will be issued in the new season to attach to the carried over allocation.