

## Overview

Our rural water trading rules apply to all rural water licence volumes in the Coliban Rural System. This applies to all rural water licence's as covered under Section 51 of the Water Act 1989. The following trading rules are subject to change at the discretion of us.

All rural water licences in the Coliban system are Bundled Entitlements Entities (BEE) with a fixed licence duration. All temporary trade allocations revert to original ownership at the turn of each financial year on June 30. Trade of water to other water trading zones is not permitted.

## Rural Water Trade Guidelines

1. Water trades can occur anywhere within the Coliban Water Rural system subject to the trading rules and guidelines outlined in this document.
2. Rural water trade applications that have been reviewed and approved, will be processed within 5 business days and recognised as appropriate in the Victorian Water Register and Coliban Water's internal billing and customer management systems.
3. Water trades can either be temporary in nature, with the trade expiring at the end of the financial year the trade is processed in; or permanent that will continue for the duration of the rural licence. Temporary transfers are for a maximum of one season only
4. Permanent transfers include existing rural licence holders who elect to trade their rural volume to Coliban Water in accordance with the relevant surrender procedure.
5. It is not permissible to temporarily trade volume to Coliban Water.
6. Customers may elect to permanently or temporarily trade all or part of their allocation. Rural can occur between any two customers on the rural system or between a customer and a proposed new licensee. (Channel or pipeline, subject to the guidelines and rural licence conditions.)
7. A full volume transfer will result in cancellation of the seller's licence as it is not possible to retain a take and use licence with a zero ML. allocation. Minimum allocation on a licence is 1 ML.
8. A trade must be a minimum of 1 ML. Trade volumes are specified to the nearest 100 kilolitres. ie. 1.5 ML is permissible.
9. Coliban Water is a closed system. Trade in or out of the system will not be approved by Coliban Water.
10. All permanent trades will be reviewed to ensure sufficient capacity on the channel pipeline before approval is provided and the trade endorsed to proceed.
11. Permanent trades to a purchaser located on a restricted channel or pipeline will not be permitted given the restricted status of the channel / pipeline. Trade from a restricted channel / pipeline is permitted, providing the purchaser or receiving party is not encumbered by a restricted channel / pipeline.
12. Coliban Water rural accounts that are seeking to increase their water allocation or trade will also be subject to approval (by Customer Care and Customer Support) if an account has related aged debt.
13. Any financial arrangements between the two parties for the trade (Seller and purchaser), is a strictly civil matter outside of Coliban Water's jurisdiction or interest, however once an outcome has been agreed to and a trade

initiated, Coliban Water will be required to process and facilitate the trade in the water register, subject to the approval mechanisms outlined in this document.

14. To facilitate transfers, Rural Customer Support operate a listing service referred to as the Rural Water Transfer List. The list will contain details of prospective traders including their name, phone number, volume for sale (wanted to buy), temporary or permanent, etc. Licence holders wishing to register on the list can do so either in writing or by telephone. Upon request Customer Support will make the list available at no cost to prospective buyers and sellers.
15. All applications for trade will require the appropriate forms to be completed and the relevant administration charge as per the schedule of fees and charges will be applied to the licence holders Coliban Water account if an application being approved and processed.
16. Permanent transfer from within the Harcourt Modernised system to outside the Harcourt system will attract the relevant termination fee as per the schedule of fees and charges. This will include any permanent transfer (Surrender) to Coliban Water. Termination fees are payable per ML of volume surrendered or permanently traded outside of the modernised system.

## Restricted Rural Systems

There are a number of systems that have become restricted due to a combination of one or more of the following conditions. These will usually be a combination of hydraulic efficiency, environmental impact, urban encroachment and economic viability. A licence holder can sell their volume to the open market. They can sell their land with the restricted licence in place and we will transfer that water right to the new property owner.

The restricted systems as at June 2025 are:

- Ascot (partial)
- Axe Creek (partial)
- Emu Valley Number 1 (partial)
- Emu Number 2 (Eppalock)
- Huntly