

Water Sharing Plan Amendment (Macquarie-Castlereagh, NSW Great Artesian Basin and NSW Great Artesian Basin Shallow Groundwater Sources) Order 2024

under the

Water Management Act 2000

I, Rose Jackson MLC, Minister for Water, in pursuance of section 45(1) of the *Water Management Act* 2000, being satisfied it is in the public interest to do so, make the following Order to amend various water sharing plans under the *Water Management Act* 2000.

Dated 12 June 2024

ROSE JACKSON, MLC **Minister for Water**

Explanatory note

This Order is made under section 45(1) of the *Water Management Act 2000*. The object of this Order is to amend various water sharing plans under the *Water Management Act 2000* to disapply the plans from water to which the *Water Sharing Plan for the Castlereagh Unregulated River Water Sources 2024* applies, apply water allocation account debit and carryover rules to the Cudgegong Alluvial Groundwater Source, and remove provisions which duplicate requirements under the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018*, Part 10, Division 2, and to remove provisions which duplicate the provisions in Part 5 of the *Access Licence Dealing Principles Order 2004*. The concurrence of the Minister for the Environment was obtained prior to the making of this Order as required under section 45 of the *Water Management Act 2000*.

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1 Name of Order

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2 Commencement

This Order commences on 1 July 2024.

Schedule 1 Amendments to the *Water Sharing Plan for the Macquarie-Castlereagh Groundwater Sources 2020*

[1] Clause 4 Application of Plan

Omit "NSW legislation" wherever occurring. Insert instead "Department's".

[2] Clause 4(3)

Insert ", except water to which the *Water Sharing Plan for the Castlereagh Unregulated River Water Sources 2024* applies" after "Plan Map".

[3] Clause 36 Water allocation account debiting

Insert "the Cudgegong Alluvial Groundwater Source," after "Castlereagh Alluvial Groundwater Source," in subclause (3).

[4] Clause 37 Limits on carryover

Insert "the Cudgegong Alluvial Groundwater Source," after "Castlereagh Alluvial Groundwater Source," in subclause (2).

[5] Clause 56 Metering conditions

Omit the clause.

Schedule 2 Amendments to the Water Sharing Plan for the NSW Great Artesian Basin Groundwater Sources 2020

[1] Clause 4 Application of Plan

Omit "NSW legislation" wherever occurring. Insert instead "Department's".

[2] Clause 4(5)(h)

Omit "." after "applies". Insert instead ",".

[3] Clause 4(5)(i)

Insert after clause 4(5)(h)—

(i) the water sources to which the *Water Sharing Plan for the Castlereagh Unregulated River Water Sources 2024* applies.

[4] Clause 45 Amendment of share component dealings (change of water source)

Omit clause 45(2).

[5] Clause 53 Metering conditions

Omit the clause.

Schedule 3 Amendments to the *Water Sharing Plan for the NSW Great Artesian Basin Shallow Groundwater Sources 2020*

[1] Clause 4 Application of Plan

Omit "NSW legislation" wherever occurring. Insert instead "Department's".

[2] Clause 4(3)(b)

Insert ", except water to which the *Water Sharing Plan for the Castlereagh Unregulated River Water Sources 2024* applies" after "surface of the ground".

[3] Clause 52 Metering conditions

Omit the clause.