

About Water Entitlements

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Irrigation Rights and Delivery Rights are the two types of water entitlements issued in irrigation districts managed by Tasmanian Irrigation.

Irrigation Rights

Irrigation Rights confer entitlements to have an allocation of water made available during each irrigation season within an irrigation district. The entitlement arising under irrigation rights is defined as a volume and denominated in megalitre (ML) units.

Allocations made to irrigation rights for an irrigation season are calculated by multiplying:

- The current entitlement held under Irrigation Rights; and
- the allocation percentage notified by Tasmanian Irrigation.

If revisions are made to the allocation percentage during a season, the resulting allocations will be made to the irrigation rights on the day the revision is notified.

Where the system of delivery rights operates, irrigation rights do not provide secure rights to have water delivered but do so when held in conjunction with delivery rights.

Delivery rights

Delivery rights confer entitlements to a share of the capacity of a scheme to deliver water within a zone during each irrigation season (or a delivery period of each irrigation season) within an irrigation district. The entitlement arising under delivery rights is defined as a flow rate and denominated in megalitre per day (ML/day) units or alternatively as a percentage of the scheme delivery capacity.

Delivery rights provide assurance that capacity is available to deliver water at a set flow rate. These entitlements give certainty over the timing of supply and introduce a tradable product through which irrigators can plan water deliveries, manage seasonal risks and maximise the benefit of their entitlements.

Trading

Irrigation rights and delivery rights are tradable within the district in which they are issued. Because water entitlements are separate from land, a person does not need to own land within a district to receive a transfer of water entitlements.

Further information

If you require more information relating to water entitlements, please contact us:

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