

# Terms of supply: Out of season water under general availability

The supply of water from irrigation schemes which are administered by Tasmanian Irrigation may be:

1. Under the system of **irrigation rights**, for supply within the irrigation season; or
2. Under the system of **general availability**, for supply outside the irrigation season.

For information about irrigation rights, refer to the Water Entitlement Fact Sheet on our website.

## General availability

Water may be supplied to irrigators outside of the irrigation season under the system of general availability in accordance with scheme by-laws. The general availability (GA) period runs from the date of the irrigation season closure until the new irrigation season opens.

Access to GA is limited to existing irrigation right holders in the scheme, up to their current annual allocation volume. Excess charge rates will apply if these allocations are exceeded.

General availability water will only be made available by Tasmanian Irrigation after the following items have been considered:

- Water availability: whether Tasmanian Irrigation can access additional water outside of the irrigation season.
- Dam fill program: If there is a dam which is central to the in-season supply, this must be sufficiently full to supply 100% allocation in the following season before GA water becomes available.
- Winter maintenance: GA supply must not impact any planned winter maintenance works on the infrastructure.
- Resourcing: The scheme operator has scheduled annual leave, and the budget has not allowed for additional resources outside of the irrigation season.
- Any other impacts on the ability to deliver the following irrigation season water supply.

To find out whether GA supply is available, contact your scheme operator.

## Reliability of supply

There is no reliability guarantee for GA and there may be interruptions to supply during the period.

## Pricing

General availability charges will apply to the volume of water taken during the period. Charge rates are provided on the annual pricing announcement for the irrigation season, or prior to the commencement of the GA delivery period.

GA prices are set to recover costs relating directly to the delivery of the water as well as the fixed charges for the scheme. If there is an over recovery of costs during the GA period, this will be retained within the scheme and considered during the fixed pricing review for the following irrigation season.



### **Farm Water Access Plans**

Where the scheme has Farm Water Access Plans (Farm WAP) in place, any supply of water from the irrigation scheme must be in accordance with the Farm WAP. This includes supply under irrigation rights and general availability.

### **Trading**

GA supply is available to existing irrigators at a time, in a quantity, and at a rate of water flow determined by Tasmanian Irrigation. As such, this is not a water entitlement. Therefore, trading of GA access is not permitted.

### **Further information**

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

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