



2% water efficiency distribution information

Why is this water available?

This water is available on Murray Irrigation's conveyance licence and is a result of Murray Irrigation being able to minimise its delivery losses in 2008/09 by implementing modified channel operating arrangements. Similar modified arrangements are in place for 2009/10.

Why has this announcement been made now?

Murray Irrigation's Directors have a responsibility to manage the volume of water available on its licences to deliver carryover and announced allocation, and also to provide a basic stock and domestic water supply to members.

There is considerable uncertainty about the total volume of water that may be required by the company over the length of the season to deliver water to members' landholdings.

At this point in the season Murray Irrigation has a reasonable estimate of the volume required to operate the channel system. To allocate the 2% water efficiency distribution earlier would have involved substantially more risk. Better information is now available about the volume of water used for channel filling and deliveries so far in 2009/10.

Can I transfer or sell this water?

Yes, in line with Murray Irrigation's Entitlements Contract. This means that Murray Irrigation's accounts for 2008/09 and preceding years need to be paid. Arrangements can be made for the water on a non-financial landholding to be sold, provided the proceeds of the sale are used to offset the outstanding Murray Irrigation account. For further information please contact Debbi Littman on T 03 5898 3369.

Why was the water only distributed to water entitlements which are owned by delivery entitlement holders?

The water efficiency savings have accrued as a result of the modified water delivery arrangements and financial contribution of delivery entitlement holders. The payments made by delivery entitlement holders who have funded the fixed cost of Murray Irrigation's operations in 2008/09 and will be the basis of Murray Irrigation's cost recovery in 2009/10.

Members have had to accommodate the consequences of these modified arrangements, which have included a requirement in many cases to pump stock and domestic water supplies and to accept reduced water quality.

What if I own a landholding but have my water entitlements in a non-landholding account?

This has been your business decision to transfer the water entitlements to a water entitlement holder account. In this circumstance there are no delivery entitlements or shares associated with the water entitlements.