

Fact Sheet

Explanation of Water Register Entities Private Diverters



Water Share (WEE)

A water share is a legally recognised, ongoing entitlement to a share of the storage space in storage dams (eg Hume and Dartmouth). It gives the owner a right to a share (allocation) of water available each season. The volume of a water share is defined as a maximum amount of allocation that can be made against it each year.

Allocation Account (ABA)

An account to keep track of allocated water available for use or trade. This account records allocations made against entitlements throughout the irrigation season, as well as water trades and use and must maintain a positive balance

If you have no water share you will be required to purchase allocation (perhaps through a water broker) via the temporary water market.



Water Use Licence (WUL)

A licence that authorises the use of water for the purpose of irrigation on the land specified in that licence. A key condition of use on a licence is the annual use limit (AUL) which is the maximum volume that can be applied each season

Water Use Registration (WUR)

An authorisation to use on specified land, usually for domestic & stock purposes. A key condition of use on a registration is the annual use limit (AUL) which is a limit on use for each season. This also means that in years of drought as long as allocation is available in your ABA water restrictions do not apply.



Works Licence (WLE)

Authorises the holder to operate works (pumps, dams, bores) for the purpose of extracting water from a river, stream or aquifer.

For further information please go to www.waterregister.vic.gov.au

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