



Growth Water Sales

- Wimmera Mallee Pipeline



Water savings generated from the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project (WMPP) will make available approximately 20,000 ML of water for regional development and farm diversification opportunities. These savings form what is known as the 'growth water pool'.

Growth water will be available for purchase by existing and new customers as water savings from the WMPP are realised and supply systems are commissioned.

Before purchasing any growth water, existing customers are strongly advised to determine their current and future water requirements. A water bill calculator is provided on the GWMWater website www.gwmwater.org.au to assist. Existing Wimmera Mallee stock and domestic system customers and those with land within the area to be supplied by Wimmera Mallee Pipeline but who are not currently serviced by the channel system (Division 4 properties) will receive a water allowance of 730 kilolitres (kL) per household and an allocation of 2.5 kl/hectare. Properties of 40 hectares or less will receive a minimum allowance of 100 kL. Where there is a household, this will be added to the 730 kL household allowance, making a total allowance of 830 kL per property.

Water products available

There will be three water products available for purchase from the growth water pool:

1. Peak Growth Water
2. Off-peak Growth Water; and
3. Headworks Growth Water

Peak Growth Water will be available all year around from the pipeline and is subject to the ability of the system to deliver the requested volume. The pipeline has been designed to deliver the following volumes of peak growth water within each supply system:

Supply System	ML
One (Yaapeet)	752
Two (Woomelang)	1,093
Three (Birchip)	1,155
Four (Wycheproof)	945
Five (Culgoa)	573*
Six (Natimuk)	395
Total	4,920

* Supply System Five is supplied from the River Murray. Further information regarding the process for the purchase of Growth Water from this system will be available in the near future.

Off-peak Growth Water will generally be available for supply between May and September to approved on-farm storages only for use during peak water demand periods. Supply is subject to the ability of the supply system to deliver the requested volume and the meeting of on-site storage requirements. Applications for off-peak growth water will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

There is a discount in the capacity charge for off-peak growth water due to the operational and capital

savings it creates. Approximately 5,000 ML of off-peak growth water is available.

Headworks Growth Water will be sourced directly from Rocklands Reservoir, Taylors Lake or Lake Fyans. The water purchaser must provide their own infrastructure to take delivery of the water, which will be required to meet specified standards. There is a total of 10,000 ML of headworks growth water.

Options for purchasing growth water

Stage 1

Existing rural customers of the Wimmera Mallee stock and domestic system, including those with land currently rated as Division 4, will be given first opportunity to purchase peak growth water.

Under Stage 1 customers can purchase a peak growth water allowance or allocation.

The difference between an allocation and an allowance is that an allowance is fixed to a property and cannot be traded. An allocation will be able to be traded (when available) either temporarily or permanently with the approval of GWMWater. >

Growth Water Allowance – can be purchased by paying a discounted price of \$1,000/ML. The allowance is not transferable in the first instance. However, if held for five years the allowance is converted to an allocation, at which time it will be tradeable.

Growth Water Allocation - can be purchased by paying a one-off payment of \$2,500/ML with full ownership and trading rights when the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline is completed.

Purchase will be made through an Expression of Interest (Eoi) process. Existing customers may purchase up to a maximum of an additional 2.5 kL/ha of growth water. There will be an eight-week period for submissions of Eoi. Each Eoi requires a \$100 deposit. The minimum volume that can be purchased is 100 kL. Following the submission period, Eois will be assessed for the ability of the system to deliver the water. Where volumes sought are greater than the amount of growth water able to be supplied through that system (refer previous page) volumes will be proportionally reduced, but to not less than 100 kL per property.

Stage 2

Existing and new customers will be able to purchase the balance of the peak growth water, off-peak growth water and/or headworks growth water through a tender process. The floor price for growth water will be \$2,500/ML and includes full ownership and trading rights (when available). The opportunity to tender will be provided through an Eoi.

There will be an eight-week period for submissions of Eoi. Each EOI requires a \$100 deposit. The minimum volume that can be purchased is 100 kL.

The purchase of peak and/or off peak growth water will be dependent upon the system capacity to deliver,

or the augmentation of the delivery system by the purchaser. Any supply or storage infrastructure provided by the purchaser must comply with GWMWater requirements, prior to supply of the water.

Applications for the intensive use of water on land (more than 5 kL/ha eg. horticulture), will require the development of an intensive water use proposal and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Guidelines for the development of proposals will be available on www.gmwwater.org.au or by contacting GWMWater on 1300 659 961.

Water charges

Capacity and volumetric charges will apply to all water delivered via a GWMWater pipeline system. Please refer to the *Pipeline Tariff Products Fact Sheet* for further details. Further information can be obtained from the GWMWater website or by phoning 1300 659 961.

Frequently asked questions

How much growth water will I need?

In the majority of cases the allocation of 2.5 kL/hectare and allowance of 730 kL for a household will be sufficient for a standard cropping and grazing enterprise. In some cases however intensive users or existing customers wanting to expand production will require more than the initial allowance/allocation. A water bill calculator is provided on the website to assist in determining water requirements.

Will the pipeline be able to deliver the volume I need?

Yes, in the majority of cases. The original design process attempted to identify existing and potential large intensive water users across the distribution network through consultation, council planning and previous land use approvals.

When will the sale of growth water occur?

The sale of growth water will be undertaken as water savings are realised and each supply system of the WMPP is completed. Initial access to growth water will not be available until the Grampians bulk water supply reservoirs recover to a level where Stage 4 urban restrictions are ceased. Standard domestic and stock users who access growth water will be subject to the restriction level that applies at the time. GWMWater will conduct an extensive media campaign highlighting the commencement date.

If my consumption is lower than expected can I trade my growth water allowance within five years?

No, you cannot trade your growth water allowance until you have held it for five years and it is then converted into an allocation. Any unused portion of a purchased growth water allowance can be returned to GWMWater at any time. There will be no refund for any handback of growth water allowance.

Can I sell a growth water allocation back to GWMWater?

GWMWater is not currently participating as a buyer in the water market.

Is my deposit refundable if I don't get the allowance/allocation?

If you do not get your growth water allowance/allocation due to system constraints, your deposit will be refunded. In all other cases the deposit is non refundable. It will however be deducted off the purchase price of the growth water allowance/allocation.

Related Fact Sheets

- > Pipeline Tariff and Products
- > Growth Water Sales – River Murray System (*currently under development*)
- > Water Trading