

## WATER TRADES DEADLINE APPROACHES

13 May 2010

Temporary water trades in the Murray, Murrumbidgee and Lower Darling valleys will close on Monday, 31 May 2010.

State Water Corporation today reminded customers they needed to lodge Applications to Assign Water Allocations (temporary trades) with the organisation before the deadline and to ensure they have sufficient water for the remainder of the 2009-10 water year.

State Water Manager Customer Operations David Andersen said customers should ensure they have enough water to maintain **all** of their water access licences in a credit balance until the end of June this year.

Carryover provisions are 100% in the Murray Valley and 30% in the Murrumbidgee Valley for both general security and high security licences. Customers who have permanently traded water and reduced their entitlements in 2009-10 should be aware that any water available on their licence in excess of these percentages will be forfeited unless traded or used before the 2010-11 season begins.

"Where necessary, customers have until close of business on Monday 31 May 2010 to lodge Applications to Assign Water Allocation along with the correct fee at their local State Water office," Mr Andersen said.

"We urge customers when submitting temporary trade applications to consider their requirements for the rest of the water year and not leave themselves short."

Applications can be lodged up until Monday 31 May via email or fax with fees needing to be paid by either credit card or EFT.

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Customers are asked to lodge their applications early to avoid the rush and to help identify potential problems ensuring assignments are not refused or rejected.

"Five-to-one volumetric penalties may apply to water access licences that have exceeded their water availability at the end of the 2009-10 water year," he said.

"This means a balance of minus 100ML could be penalised up to 500ML."

"This includes customers who fail to trade water from licences with credit balances to those with negative balances owned by the same licence holder."

Fines and stop work orders may also apply to customers with negative balances.

# Customer Notice

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Customers needing more information about their water availability or water allocation assignments should contact State Water on **1300 662077**.

Customers can ensure that their water account balances are up to date by providing a current meter reading.

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