

Barwon River

1. Catchment and purpose

These rules are for the entire Barwon River catchment:

- including its tributaries to the confluence with Lake Connewarre below the second breakwater, but
- excluding the Moorabool River and Leigh River catchments

The purpose of these rules is to define how rosters and restrictions will operate in the catchment, along with general licensing principles.

2. Definitions

The Act	The <i>Water Act 1989</i>
All-year licence	A licence issued under section 51 of the Act to take and use water either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) “direct” from a waterway, Section 51(1)(a) or(b) from a dam, spring or soak, Section 51 (ba),(c) from a dam, spring or soak recognized by a farm dam registration, section 51(1A) during any month of the year.
Average stream flow	The mean daily average stream flow calculated over any consecutive seven day period.
Registration licence	A licence issued under section 51(1A) of the Act.
SRW”	Southern Rural Water.
Winter-fill licence	A licence issued under section 51(1)(a) or (ba) of the Act to take water from a waterway or dam during a winter-fill period.
Winter-fill period	The period between 1 July and 31 October in any year, unless stated in the conditions of earlier licences.

3. Licence allocation limit

Licence allocation limits define the maximum volume that licences may be transferred into, or held within, the catchment. Four allocations are set:

- **Barwon River Basin limit** - No further allocations will be issued in the Barwon River or any of its tributaries except those licences issued under section 51(1A) of the Act, or for domestic and stock use.
- **Catchment allocation limit** - A maximum allocation of 2249.7 ML may be held within the catchment under all licence types (ie combined allocation of all year and winter-fill licences.) This does not include allocations that have been transferred from licences issued under section 51(1A) of the Act.
- **All year licence allocation limit** - A maximum allocation of 1473.4 ML may be held under all year licences. (This does not include allocations that have been transferred from licences issued under section 51(1A) of the Act.)
- **Winter-Fill allocation limit** - A maximum allocation of 776.3 ML may be held under winter-fill licences. (This does not include allocations that have been transferred from licences issued under section 51(1A) of the Act.)

4. Rosters and restrictions

For management purposes, the Barwon catchment is divided into the following zones:

Moorabool River	Moorabool River as an entire catchment.
Barwon River, Zone A	Catchment upstream of gauging station at Ricketts Marsh
Barwon River, Zone B	Catchment upstream of Leigh & Barwon River confluence
Barwon River, Zone C	Catchment downstream of Leigh & Barwon River confluence
Leigh River	Leigh River as an entire catchment.

A five stage restriction roster will start when the flow at any of the gauging stations meets the corresponding trigger levels using a seven day rolling average of flows.

The restriction stages are:

Stage 1 - 100% of licensed daily maximum extraction rate as per licence

Stage 2 - 75% of licensed daily maximum extraction rate as per licence

Stage 3 - 50% of licensed daily maximum extraction rate as per licence

Stage 4 - 25% of licensed daily maximum extraction rate as per licence

Stage 5 - Irrigation ban.

Trigger levels are:

Gauging Station	Summer trigger flow ML/day For all months	Winter trigger flow ML/day July – October (Inc)
Conns Lane	<8	<8
Inverleigh	<5	<10
Pollocksford	<5	<25

5. Customer communication

Southern Rural Water will distribute roster information to all licence holders prior to enforcing stage 1.

Up-to-date information on restrictions and bans is available through a Message Bank service on **1300 656 020**.

6. Licence holder conditions

The conditions listed below are additional to those already listed on licences. They will be added when your licence is renewed:

1. Licence holders with a sporadic conversion licence will be subject to a ban on pumping from the stream when all other licence holders are placed on Stage 1 restrictions.
2. Licence holders are required to confirm daily roster stages by calling prior to pumping in accordance with table 1.
3. Licence holders are required to adhere to their annual and daily licensed extraction volume/ rate and licence conditions.

More information

For more information contact **1300 139 510**.