



Licence to construct and use private works Macalister Irrigation District

If you are planning to undertake works around infrastructure controlled by Southern Rural Water (SRW) - including open channels, pipelines and drains - you will need a Licence to construct and use private works.

“Around” means near, on or over the infrastructure.

Getting a licence

To obtain a Licence to construct and use private works, you need to:

1. Make an appointment to talk about your plan with our Assets Officer
2. Complete the “Request for approval of private works application form”
3. Sign the application form
4. Pay the application fees.

Fees

The following fees are required before the licence is issued:

Application fee

This fee is based on the time it takes to prepare and complete the licence application process.

Supervision fee

This fee covers the cost of inspection and reporting during the construction. This amount depends on the type of work constructed, location and the experience of the person doing the work.

Security deposit

The security deposit is refunded when the works have been completed. The deposit is used to cover the cost of completing or demolishing the works if they have not been finished according to the licence.

Capitalised Depreciation Charge

When part of the work is to become the property of SRW (eg a water meter or pump), there is a capitalised depreciation charge. This charge varies according to the size of the works. SRW is responsible for maintenance of that part of the works in the future.

Construction of private works

Work can not start until you have received a copy of the licence that has been signed and witnessed by all property owners and a SRW authorised officer.

All construction work must be completed within 12 months of the licence being issued. An application for an extension beyond this period must be submitted to SRW in writing prior to the expiry date. There is no guarantee that an extension will be approved.

Once works have been finished SRW must carry out a final check. If any works are not done to the required standard, SRW may employ a private contractor to complete the works. All cost incurred will be paid for by the applicant.

If the works have been finished to the standards agreed as outlined in the licence, the security deposit will be returned.

Licence conditions

Depending on the location, type of construction and hazards posed in your works program, we may specify conditions in your licence.

Licence terms

The licence is issued for the life of the works. If the property changes hands, the licence will be transferred when SRW receives the notice of acquisition and disposition.

More information

For more information contact us on **1300 139 510** or visit **www.srw.com.au**.