



Temporary water for sale on the Latrobe

Southern Rural Water (SRW) will sell temporary water from the drought reserve every month, if available for downstream irrigators to buy.

Costs for Blue Rock water shareholders may decrease slightly when temporary water is sold.

What is the Latrobe Reserve?

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How will the temporary sales work?

SRW has established a set of rules for selling temporary water from the Latrobe Reserve.

Equity

Firstly, to ensure equity, the available water has been split into two parcels:

- one for power companies, Gippsland Water and the environment
- one for existing irrigators along the river.

What is the process?

Once SRW has calculated how much water is for sale each month, we will send a text message to customers who have completed the expression of interest application form, which you have received in this pack. You can also complete an online expression of interest form at www.srw.com.au

Customers who have submitted their expression of interest application form will be contacted by SRW regarding the WaterBid online auction process.

If you are the successful online bidder you will be notified by SRW. You will be required to complete and sign a transfer applications form at no cost. SRW will invoice you for the cost of the water and this account will need to be finalised before 4 pm on 6 March. Once the account is finalised the water will be transferred to your entitlement (BEE). This water is available until the 30 June 2019.

Why is the water being sold and not allocated?

By selling the water, we are making sure that it's going to those who really want it. Under an allocation system, not all the water may get used.

What happens to the money generated from sales?

This is a not-for-profit system. Any money generated from sales, after paying for costs, will be used to reduce the amount that shareholders in Blue Rock pay for its management.

This means that when drought reserve water is sold, there is a benefit for everyone in the system whether they buy water or not.

More information or to register interest in buying

For more information, or to express your interest in buying water when it becomes available, visit our website www.srw.com.au