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## Water Act 1989

### ORDER FOR AMENDMENT OF TRADING RULES FOR DECLARED WATER SYSTEMS (UNBLOCKING COMMONWEALTH PURCHASES)

#### Title

1. This Order is called the Order for Amendment of Trading Rules for Declared Water Systems (Unblocking Commonwealth Purchases).

#### Purpose

2. The purpose of this amendment is to provide exemptions to the 4% annual limit on trade out of irrigation areas in order to allow approval of transfer of extra Victorian water shares to the Commonwealth, as part of an agreement on infrastructure funding.

#### Authorising Provision

3. I, Peter Walsh, Minister for Water, in accordance with section 33AZ(2) of the **Water Act 1989**, make the following Order to amend the Trading Rules for Declared Water Systems:

At the end of Rule 25A, insert

‘; or

- (h) the application is for transfer of the whole or part of a water share to the Commonwealth of Australia, and
  - (i) the application is received by the Minister by 28 February 2012; and
  - (ii) the applicant provides evidence to the satisfaction of the Minister that a previous application for transfer to the Commonwealth of Australia of the same volume from the same water share or its parent was received between 20 June 2011 and 8 July 2011 and was subsequently refused under Rule 25; or
- (i) the application is for transfer of the whole or part of a water share to the Commonwealth of Australia, and
  - (i) the application is received by 28 February 2012; and
  - (ii) the applicant provides evidence to the satisfaction of the Minister that the Commonwealth of Australia had decided to purchase the water share as a result of a tender it carried out prior to 30 June 2011; or
- (j) the application is for transfer of the whole or part of a water share to Goulburn-Broken Catchment Management Authority, and the applicant provides evidence to the satisfaction of the Minister that –
  - (i) the transfer is being done in order to consolidate water shares for further transfer to the Commonwealth of Australia; and
  - (ii) the transfer is being made as a result of Commonwealth assistance in achieving on-farm efficiencies; and
  - (iii) exemptions under this rule have not exceeded 11 GL.’

#### Commencement

4. This Order comes into effect on the date it is published in the Government Gazette.  
Dated 28 November 2011

PETER WALSH MLA  
Minister for Water

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