

Irrigators Share Consultative Committee feedback form

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The ISCC wants your feedback on the proposed distribution model.

Your views will help the committee to make its recommendation to the Minister.

What you need to know

The Irrigators Share Consultative Committee (ISCC) has been tasked by the Minister for Water to recommend a mechanism for distributing the benefits of the irrigators' share back to GMID irrigators. The irrigators' share is up to 75 gigalitres (GL) long-term average annual yield of the confirmed water recovered through Stage 1 of the Connections Project. The benefits will be returned to all GMID gravity irrigators based on the **delivery share** they hold.

The ISCC has proposed a distribution model and is now seeking feedback on this proposal from people with GMID delivery share. Your responses to this survey will help to shape the recommendation the ISCC will make to the Minister for Water.

Before completing this feedback form, please read and carefully consider the [Distributing the Irrigators Share Fact Sheet](#). The Fact Sheet can be found at engage.vic.gov.au/irrigators-share, along with more information including online consultation events and detailed questions and answers about the ISCC's proposal. Completed forms can be emailed to us at rural.water@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Submissions close 1 June 2020

About the proposed distribution model

1. The Committee found that a once-off distribution of benefits to be the most practical solution, with water shares issued to those with **delivery share** of 0.25 ML/day or greater, and financial benefits (bill credits) returned to those below this threshold:

- a. What do you see as the merits of the proposed distribution approach?

Provide your response:

- b. What do you see as the drawbacks of this approach?

Provide your response:

2. While Commonwealth water regulations will permit a once-off distribution of **water shares** (as described in question 1), these regulations *do not* allow arrangements where **annual water allocations** are transferred or traded only to delivery share holders. Under the Commonwealth regulations, GMW could hold the water shares and use them to increase **seasonal allocations** to all GMID entitlement holders. This would include the environment, non-irrigators and others who don't hold GMID delivery share.

Understanding this, how willing would you be for GMW to hold and use the **water shares** to increase **seasonal allocations** to all GMID entitlement holders, with no link to GMID delivery share?

Very willing Moderately willing Unwilling Extremely unwilling

Explain your response (optional):

3. The Committee explored the value of different distribution models. To what extent do you support the following list of factors that the Committee took into consideration when assessing the different models?

- a. Keeping costs low

Strongly support Moderately support Do not support

- b. Making sure arrangements can't be changed by future government policy

Strongly support Moderately support Do not support

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c. Protecting the rights of entitlements

Strongly support Moderately support Do not support

d. Seeking long-standing benefits to the GMID

Strongly support Moderately support Do not support

Explain your response (optional):

4. The ISCC has recommended a **delivery share** threshold of 0.25 ML/day to issue **water shares**, with delivery share holders under this threshold to receive a financial benefit. The threshold was set to prioritise providing people with water while recognising providing water under the threshold would significantly reduce the value of the water to those individuals.

To what extent do you support the proposed **delivery share** threshold?

Strongly support Moderately support Do not support

Explain your response (optional):

5. The ISCC proposes that financial benefits to those holding **delivery share** below 0.25 ML/day be provided as credits on GMW bills. Do you support this approach?

Strongly support Moderately support Do not support

Explain your response:

6. The ISCC is calling for clarity on when the benefits of the irrigators share will be distributed. How important to your business is the **timing** of the distribution of water shares or financial benefits?

Very important Somewhat important Unimportant Don't know / depends on other factors

Explain your response (optional):

7. Do you have any further comments?

About you

The following information will help us to understand who we are hearing from, ensuring that all types of irrigators are fairly represented, and we understand how views are spread across GMID delivery share holders.

Which irrigation area are you in?

Shepparton Central Goulburn Murray Valley Rochester Loddon Valley Torrumbarry

How much delivery share do you own (ML/day)?

0.01 to 0.05 0.05 to 0.25 0.25 to 1 1 to 5 5+ None

What is your main industry/production type?

Dairy Horticulture Cropping Grazing Stock & domestic

Other (please describe) _____

What are your intentions in the next 5 years?

- Retain my current delivery share
 Increase my delivery share
 Reduce my delivery share
 Terminate all my delivery share (dry off)
 Prefer not to say

Find more information online at engage.vic.gov.au/irrigators-share