

What is the preferred option for the Lower Broken Creek?



The preferred option for managing trade between the Goulburn and the Lower Broken Creek is for the Lower Broken Creek to:

- Have the same rules for allocation trade from the Goulburn as the rest of the Murray, **and**
- Give all eligible entitlement holders with Goulburn entitlements the option to exchange them for local Murray entitlements (recognising the unique arrangements since 2007), **and**
- Have system-specific tagged use restrictions that are different to those for the wider Murray.

Allocation trade rules the same as the rest of the Murray

Allocation trade rules to and from the Lower Broken Creek (trading zone 6B) will be unchanged, except that trade from the Goulburn to the Lower Broken Creek will be subject to any change to the Goulburn to Murray trade rule as part of the broader Goulburn to Murray trade review.

Allocation trade **from 6B** to other trading zones

To Murray below Choke (zone 7 + interstate)	Unchanged	Always allowed
To Murray above Choke (zone 6 + NSW zone 10)	Unchanged	Always allowed
To Goulburn (zone 1A, 1B, 3) + Broken, Campaspe, Loddon (zone 4A/4C, 5A, 2)	Unchanged	Back trade

Allocation trade **to 6B** from other trading zones

From Murray below Choke (zone 7 + interstate)	Unchanged	Back trade
From Murray above Choke (zone 6 + zone 10)	Unchanged	Choke trade rule
From Goulburn (zone 1A, 1B, 3) + Broken, Loddon, Campaspe (zone 4A/4C, 5A, 2)	Changed	New Goulburn to Murray trade rule

Exchanging tagged Goulburn entitlements for Lower Broken Creek 6B entitlements

Customers holding eligible Goulburn entitlements tagged for use in the Lower Broken Creek will have the opportunity to exchange these with Lower Broken Creek zone 6B (Murray) entitlements.

What is an eligible tagged Goulburn entitlement?

Those tagged for use in the Lower Broken Creek prior to the Minister's announcement placing restrictions on tagged use on 20 August 2019.

When would these be exchanged?

The process to exchange these entitlements would occur during the 2021-22 water year. Tagged use in the Lower Broken Creek would be exempt so there is no change to current arrangements while the exchange is underway. Customers holding eligible Goulburn entitlements tagged for use in the Lower Broken Creek will be consulted with directly to provide information on the opportunity to exchange their entitlements.

New tagged use rules for the Lower Broken Creek

The proposed tagged use rule is to allow unrestricted tagged use through winter and spring, but then restricted from 01 November onwards in line with the Goulburn to Murray trade rule.

Season	Allocation trade	Tagged water use rule
Winter and spring (1 Jul – 31 Oct)	Restricted in line with the Goulburn to Murray trade rule	Unrestricted
Summer and autumn (1 Nov – 30 Jun)	Restricted in line with the Goulburn to Murray trade rule	Restricted in line with the Goulburn to Murray trade rule

What does the preferred option mean for my entitlements?

Depending on what type of water you currently hold and/or how you trade water, the preferred option may or may not have any impact on how you currently manage your water.

No change to use or trade of zone 6B water

The preferred option would not change the use or trade of local Lower Broken Creek (source trading zone 6B) entitlements.

Characteristic	Current	Under preferred option
Source zone/use zone	6B/6B	6B/6B
Use in Lower Broken Creek	Always allowed	Always allowed
Allocation trade to the Goulburn	When back trade opportunity available	When back trade opportunity available
Allocation trade to other Murray trading zones	Always allowed	Always allowed

Changes if eligible tagged Goulburn entitlements (1A/6B) are exchanged

If customers choose to exchange their eligible tagged 1A/6B entitlements, the entitlement will become a local Lower Broken Creek 6B/6B entitlement.

Characteristic	Under preferred option	After exchange
Source zone/use zone	1A/6B	6B/6B
Use in the Lower Broken Creek	Lower Broken Creek tagged use rule: July – Oct: always allowed Nov – June: when Goulburn to Murray trade is open	Always allowed
Allocation trade to the Goulburn	Always allowed	Back trade
Allocation trade to other Murray trading zones	Proposed Goulburn to Murray trade rule	Always allowed

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Change to the use and trade of Goulburn tagged entitlements

If customers decide not to exchange their Goulburn 1A/6B tagged entitlements, hold Goulburn 1A/6B tagged entitlements that are not eligible for the exchange, or set up new tagged arrangements, the use of the entitlements in the Lower Broken Creek would be subject to the proposed new Lower Broken Creek tagged use rule. Allocation trade would be subject to the proposed Goulburn to Murray trade rule. All other rules will be unchanged.

Characteristic	Currently	Under preferred option
Source zone/use zone	1A/6B	1A/6B
Use in the Lower Broken Creek	Always allowed	Lower Broken Creek tagged use rule: July – Oct: always allowed Nov – June: when Goulburn to Murray trade is open
Allocation trade to the Goulburn	Always allowed	Always allowed
Allocation trade to Murray trading zones (incl. Lower Broken Creek)	Current Goulburn to Murray trade rule	Proposed Goulburn to Murray trade rule

Trading from the Goulburn into the Lower Broken Creek

Allocation trade from the Goulburn to the Lower Broken Creek is subject to the Goulburn to Murray

trade rule. The preferred option for changing the Goulburn to Murray trade rule will change when Goulburn allocations can trade to the Lower Broken Creek. Other trade rules are unchanged.

Trade in from	Currently	Under preferred option
Goulburn	Current Goulburn to Murray trade rule	Proposed Goulburn to Murray trade rule
Murray below Choke (zone 7)	Back trade	Back trade
Murray above Choke (zone 6)	Barmah Choke trade rule	Barmah Choke trade rule

More information

- [Consultation paper: Options for Managing trade between the Goulburn and Lower Broken Creek](#)
- [Summary version: Goulburn to Murray Trade Review regulatory impact statement](#)
- [Fact sheet 1: Why this review is needed](#)
- [Fact sheet 2: Proposed long-term changes](#)

Making a submission

Submissions are open until 30 April 2020 to provide formal feedback or comments on the preferred operating rules, trade rule and tagged use regulations.

To make a submission or provide feedback through our online survey visit:

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/goulburn-murray-trade-rule-review>.

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