

# Review of Irrigation Salinity Management-

## How the Options May Apply to Individual Irrigators

	<b>Status quo- Current salinity zoning policy</b>	<b>Option 1- Create new 30 year fixed term site use approvals</b>	<b>Option 2- Replace volumetric limits on site use approvals with a maximum irrigated area</b>
<b>Can I continue irrigating using my existing site use approval?</b>	Yes.	Yes. There are no changes to existing site use approvals and conditions.	Yes. Your site use approval will have a maximum area of land than can be irrigated rather than a maximum volume of water that can be applied. It is proposed that the maximum area of land would be based on the area of land you irrigated between 2012 and 2017.
<b>Can I increase my water use for a new development if I do not have an existing site use approval?</b>	Yes. You can apply for a site use approval in the low or salt interception impact zones if the salinity impacts will be offset by available salinity credits; or You can apply for a conjunctive transfer* of site use volumes in the high impact zone.	Yes. You can apply for a new 30 year fixed term site use approval; or You can apply for a conjunctive transfer* of site use volumes.	Yes. Un-used capacity would be freed up and available for those who wish to apply to for a site use approval.

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<b>Can I increase my irrigated area or change to a higher water use crop with the spare volume I have on a site use approval?</b>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The area you irrigate and the amount of water you use can be increased until you reach the maximum volume listed on your site use approval.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The area you irrigate and the amount of water you use can be increased until you reach the maximum volume listed on your site use approval.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Un-used capacity would be freed up and available for those who wish to apply to increase their irrigated area.</p> <p>If you wish to change to a higher water use crop you can do so as long as your maximum irrigated area does not change,</p>
<b>Can I develop a new irrigated area if I don't have any spare volume on a site use approval?</b>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>You can apply for additional volume on a site use approval in the low or salt interception impact zones if the salinity impacts will be offset by available salinity credits; or</p> <p>You can apply for a conjunctive transfer* of site use volumes in the high impact zone.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>You can apply for a new 30 year fixed term site use approval; or</p> <p>You can apply for a conjunctive transfer* of site use volumes.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>You can apply to increase the maximum area to be irrigated.</p>

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<b>Can I transfer my site use approval volume through a conjunctive application?</b>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The volume on your site use approval is transferable to another site use approval in the same salinity impact zone through a conjunctive application.</p>	<p>It depends on the type of site use approval you hold.</p> <p>For existing site use holders the volume on your site use approval is transferable to another site use approval in the same salinity impact zone through a conjunctive application.</p> <p>If you are a holder of a 30 year fixed term site use approval or have already increased your crop water needs and have a specified maximum irrigated area – this approval would not be transferable.</p> <p>This is to avoid the stockpiling and/or transfer of 30 year fixed term site use approvals for a financial gain and to ensure that volumes granted to allow for a change of crop type are not used to increase irrigated area instead.</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>It is proposed that approved irrigated area is not transferable to avoid the stockpiling and/or transfer of approvals for a financial gain and to ensure that approvals are actively utilised.</p> <p>It is anticipated that there is sufficient capacity available for new irrigation development without transfers in the medium term. However, if a review indicated that available capacity was nearing full allocation, consideration would be given to allowing transfers.</p>

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