

Water Act 1989

OBJECTIVES TO MINIMISE SALINITY IMPACTS FROM IRRIGATION IN HIGH SALINITY IMPACT ZONES 2021

I, Lisa Neville, Minister for Water, as Minister administering the **Water Act 1989** (the Act), make the following determination of objectives that are to apply in the administration of Part 4B of the Act.

1 Title

This determination is called the Determination of Objectives to Minimise Salinity Impacts from Irrigation in High Salinity Impact Zones 2021.

2 Authorising Provision

This determination is made in accordance with section 64T(1) and (2)(a) of the Act.

3 Commencement

This determination comes into effect on 1 January 2021.

4 Application

This determination applies to all land which the Minister has determined to be a 'high salinity impact zone' in the Determination of Salinity Impact Zones and Salinity Impact Charges 2021, made under sections 232 and 232B of the Act.

This determination should be read in conjunction with the determination of 'Water-Use Objectives' dated 20 June 2007 and made in accordance with section 64T(1) and (2)(a) of the Act.

5 Objectives to minimise salinity impacts from irrigation

In order to provide for minimising impacts of water use on other persons and the environment, including minimising the impacts of salinity from irrigation, the following objectives apply to the administration of Part 4B of the Act, including without limitation decisions in relation to applications for water-use licences under section 64L of the Act and to decisions in relation to variations to existing water-use licences under section 64AH of the Act.

a) No increase in annual use limits

After the date of this determination there should be no increase in the sum of annual use limits that apply to land above 110,737 megalitres in respect of land in the 'high salinity impact zone' as declared in the 'Determination of Salinity Impact Zones and Salinity Impact Charges 2021'.

b) No extension of land under irrigation

There should be no extension of irrigation being carried out in the high salinity impact zone on any land other than land that has previously been specified in a water-use licence, being the land specified in any water-use licence issued on or before the date that this determination takes effect.

Dated: 21/12/2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Neville', with a stylized flourish at the end.

LISA NEVILLE MP
Minister for Water