

12 December 2023

The Hon Harriet Shing MP
Minister for Water
Level 17, 8 Nicholson Street
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Minister

Application to Amend GMW Goulburn and Murray Bulk Entitlements

Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) applies to you under section 44 and section 45 the *Water Act 1989* ('the Act') to amend the *Bulk Entitlement (Eildon – Goulburn Weir) Conversion Order 1995* ['Goulburn BE'] and the *Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Goulburn-Murray Water) Conversion Order 1999* ['Murray BE'].

The GMW Board approved the proposed amendments at Meeting 366 on 6 December 2023.

1. Actions Relating to the Water Efficiency Project

GMW applies to you under section 44 of the Act to amend the Goulburn BE and the Murray BE. This application seeks amendment of schedules to reduce loss allowances for the irrigation areas of the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District. The amendments enable the creation of water entitlements for the Commonwealth following water recovery achieved by the Water Efficiency Project.

For this part of the application, the following draft orders are proposed to support the issue of water shares to the Commonwealth by 30 April 2024:

- Bulk Entitlement (Eildon – Goulburn Weir) Amendment Order 2024
- Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Goulburn-Murray Water) Amendment Order 2024

Please find the draft orders enclosed.

2. Removal of Clauses related to the Connections Project

GMW applies to you under section 45 of the Act to make minor amendments to the Goulburn BE and the Murray BE to remove clauses that are no longer required following the completion of the Connections Project.

For this part of the application, the following draft notices are proposed to come into effect on 1 July 2024:

- Bulk Entitlement (Eildon – Goulburn Weir) Minor Amendment Notice 2024
- Bulk Entitlement (River Murray – Goulburn-Murray Water) Minor Amendment Notice 2024

Please find the draft notices enclosed.

Officers of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action helped GMW prepare the draft instruments.

If you require further information about this application, please contact Dr Mark Bailey, Manager Water Resources, on 0428 377 866 or Mark.Bailey@gmwater.com.au.

Yours sincerely



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