

Padthaway Water Allocation Plan

Classes of Water Access Entitlement

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The consultation draft of the Padthaway water allocation plan introduces a new water license authorisation system. Two water licencing instruments are outlined below including water access entitlement classes that define how water can be used.

What is a Water Access Entitlement?

A Water access entitlement gives the licensee a right to a share of water in a specified consumptive pool (see Fact Sheet 3). The share of water will be expressed as a unit share of the water available for extraction. Each unit share in the Padthaway water allocation plan (the Plan) is equivalent to 1 kilolitre (kL).

Each water access entitlement will be allocated a class which describes permitted uses of water.

During the transition to the amended Plan, all existing water licence holders will be granted a new water licence containing a water access entitlement to the same volume of water as their previous annual water allocation.

How do the Water Access Entitlement classes relate to the old licence system?

Each water access entitlement on a water licence will be allocated to one of seven classes depending on the primary purpose of water use.

The classes and their purposes are:

- **Class T1** is equivalent to the tradeable Irrigation component and may be used for any purpose.
- **Class T2** is equivalent to the tradeable Industrial and Recreation components and may only be used for this purpose.
- **Class P** is equivalent to the tradeable public water supply and may be used for this purpose only.
- **Class D** is equivalent to the delivery supplement (DS) component for flood irrigation licences and may only be used for this purpose.
- **Class S** is equivalent to the specialised production requirements (SPR) component and may only be used for this purpose.
- **Class RW1** is introduced in the consultation draft and is for desalinated groundwater that has been injected or drained to the aquifer through Managed Aquifer Recharge.
- **Class RW2** is introduced in the consultation draft and is for surface water that has been injected or drained to the aquifer through managed aquifer recharge.

What specific rules apply to the Water Access Entitlement classes?

Both Class D and Class S water access entitlements are linked to use with Class T1 water access entitlement on the same Water Licence. They cannot be used in isolation.

Where a Class D or Class S water access entitlement is no longer required or cannot be used for its primary use, they are forfeited.

Class D, Class S, Class RW1 and Class RW2 water access entitlements may not be converted to any other Class.

Class T2 and Class P are exempt from the restrictions to allocation through the adaptive management framework.

Table 1: Water Access Entitlement classes, zones and purposes of use

Consumptive pool	Class	Class description	Purposes of use
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D
Padthaway Unconfined Aquifer Consumptive Pool	Class T1	Tradeable	Industrial Irrigation Public water supply Recreation Frost protection
	Class T2	Tradeable	Industrial Recreation
	Class P	Tradeable	Public water supply
	Class D	Delivery supplement	Flood irrigation
	Class S	Specialised production requirement	Frost protection
Padthaway Managed Aquifer Recharge Consumptive Pool	Class RW1	Recharge water – desalinated groundwater	Industrial Irrigation Public water supply Recreation
	Class RW2	Recharge water – surface water	Industrial Irrigation Public water supply Recreation

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