

# **Fitzroy Basin**

## **Theodore Channel Scheme Operations Manual**

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# Chapter 1 Preliminary

## 1. Short title

- (1) This operations manual may be cited as the Theodore Channel Scheme Operations Manual.
- (2) Reference in this document to 'this manual' means the Theodore Channel Scheme Operations Manual.

## 2. Interpretation of words used in this manual

The dictionary in attachment 1 defines particular words used in this manual.

## 3. Theodore Channel Scheme

The extent of the Theodore Channel Scheme is outlined in attachment 2. Operating Rules

## 4. Diversion to supply water allocations in the Theodore Channel System

The licence holder must not take more water from the Dawson River using the Gibber Gonyah, Theodore or Fork Farmer's pump stations than is reasonably necessary to –

- (a) meet requirements for the take of water under water allocations to which the licence holder distributes water; and
- (b) meet requirements associated with water transmission in, and operation of, the Theodore channel system.

## Chapter 3 Water sharing rules

### 5. Licence holder responsibilities

The licence holder is responsible for implementing water sharing rules that relate to the water allocations that the licence holder distributes to.

### 6. Delivering water under a water allocation

- (1) The volume of water delivered under a water allocation in a water year must not exceed the nominal volume of the allocation multiplied by the announced allocation.
- (2) A volume of water is permitted to be carried over from the previous water year, as allowed under the carryover provisions of the water sharing rules under the resource operations licence holder's operations manual.

### 7. Fourth quarter restriction period

- (1) When the fourth quarter restriction period is activated under the Dawson Valley Water Supply Scheme Resource Operations Licence, the licence holder must—
  - (a) discontinue supply under the announced allocation arrangements; and
  - (b) only distribute water in accordance with the fourth quarter restrictions as advised by the resource operations licence holder.

## Chapter 4 Seasonal water assignment rules

### 8. Seasonal water assignment rules

- (1) The holder of a water allocation may enter into an arrangement for a seasonal water assignment in relation to the allocation under section 61 of the Water Regulation 2016, only if the licence holder consents to the arrangement.
- (2) Despite subsection (1), the consent of the resource operations licence holder to the arrangement is also required when —
  - (a) water is being seasonally assigned from the Dawson Valley Water Supply Scheme into the Theodore Channel Irrigation Scheme; and
  - (b) water is being seasonally assigned from the Theodore Channel Irrigation Scheme out to the Dawson Valley Water Supply Scheme.
- (3) Water supplied under section (1) or (2) may be used for any purpose.

# Attachment 1 Dictionary

Term	Definition
Announced allocation	For a water allocation managed under a resource operations licence or distribution operations licence, means a number, expressed as a percentage, which is used to determine the maximum volume of water that may be taken in a water year under the authority of a water allocation.
Carryover	The volume of water permitted to be carried over from the unused portion of the entitlement at the end of the previous water year.
Licence holder	Distribution Operations licence holder for the Theodore Channel Scheme
Nominal volume	Nominal volume means the volume of water, in megalitres, that represents the share of the water available to be taken by holders of water allocations in a priority group or a water allocation group.
Resource operations licence holder	The holder of the resource operations licence for the Dawson Valley Water Supply Scheme
Water user	The holder of a valid water entitlement.

# Attachment 2 Theodore Channel System

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