



EP WATER ALLOCATION PLAN REVISION



Future needs

The 2016 Water Allocation Plan identified some 'Excess Water', which in theory might have been available for future needs:

- In a management area, if there was more water available for licensed demand than there were current licences, there was 'Excess Water'
- 'Excess Water' was able to be granted, by the Minister, for a new water licence or to increase the size of an existing water licence
- 'Excess Water' was reduced in Poldia and Uley South and was set to zero in Uley Wanilla, by increasing the proportion of water allocated to the environment – this was a conservative protective measure
- There was some excess water in the Sheringa, Poldia, Lincoln South, Uley North and Uley South management areas.

The 2026 Water Allocation Plan will make provision for future needs by:

- Allocating water to continue to look after the environment
- Making provision for future stock and domestic water needs
- Providing licensed water for public water supply, community organisations (e.g. golf courses), and private users (e.g. agriculture & other industries)
- Considering Aboriginal water interests.

The use of groundwater for future needs could be further supported by:

- The release of 'Excess water' if any is identified and if it is appropriate
- Water transfers from existing licensees.