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Appendix B to the proposed Basin Plan consultation report prepared under s. 43(11) of the *Water Act 2007* (Cwlth) — broad outline of changes made to the proposed Basin Plan by the Murray–Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) after the start of the 20-week consultation period; and a summary of submissions received by MDBA, including how they were addressed and any alteration made to the proposed Basin Plan as a result of considering them.

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Appendix B: Changes made to the proposed Basin Plan

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chapter 1	1.04 (2)& (3)	1.04 Commencement (1) The Basin Plan, apart from Chapter 11, commences on the day after it is registered. (2) Chapter 11, apart from sections 11.15 to 11.19, commences on 1 July 2013. (3) Sections 11.15 to 11.19 commence on 1 July 2014.	1.04 (2)	1.04 Commencement (1) The Basin Plan, apart from Chapter 11, commences on the day after it is registered. (2) Chapter 11 commences on 1 July 2014.	Commencement date for trade has now been amended in response to feedback from stakeholders. The trading rules outlined in Chapter 11 will now commence on 1 July 2014. This will allow more time for those affected by the rules to understand and prepare for the changes that will be introduced.
chapter 1	1.05 (1)Table	Chapter 8: Subject matter - The key causes of water quality degradation in the Murray-Darling Basin. This Chapter also includes water quality and salinity objectives and targets for Basin water resources (item 10 of the table in subsection 22(1) of the Act).	1.05 (1)	Chapter 8: Subject matter - The key causes of water quality degradation in the Murray-Darling Basin. This Chapter also includes water quality and salinity objectives, water quality targets for planning of water flows, water quality targets that apply to the preparation of the water resource plans, and water quality targets for the purposes of long-term salinity planning and management (item 10 of the table in subsection 22(1) of the Act).	This provision has been amended to maintain consistency with changes made to Chapter 8 and 9
chapter 1	1.05 (1)	Schedule 5: Title - Criteria for identifying an environmental asset Subject Matter: Criteria for identifying an environmental asset.	1.05 (1)	Schedule 5 Title: Targets to measure progress towards objectives Subject matter: Targets by which to measure progress towards achieving the environmental objectives specified in Part 2 of Chapter 7.	This provision has been amended to maintain consistency with changes made to Chapter 7
chapter 1	1.05 (1)	Schedule 6: Title - Criteria for identifying an ecosystem function Subject matter: Criteria for identifying an ecosystem function.	1.05 (1)	Schedule 6 Title: Criteria for identifying an environmental asset Subject matter: Criteria for identifying an environmental asset.	This provision has been amended to maintain consistency with changes made to Chapter 7
chapter 1	1.05 (1)	Schedule 7: Title - Targets to measure progress towards objectives Subject matter: Targets by which to measure progress towards achieving the environmental objectives specified in Part 2 of Chapter 7.	1.05 (1)	Schedule 7 Title: Criteria for identifying an ecosystem function Subject matter: Criteria for identifying an ecosystem function.	This provision has been amended to maintain consistency with changes made to Chapter 7
chapter 1	1.05 (1)	Summary of the Basin Plan for Schedule 10: Title - Basin Plan outcomes and reporting requirements.	1.05 (1)	Summary of the Basin Plan for Schedule 10: Title - Matters for evaluation and reporting requirements.	This provision has been amended to maintain consistency with changes made to Schedule 10

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		Subject matter - Outcomes against which the effectiveness of the Basin Plan will be assessed and the requirements relating to reporting on those outcomes.		Subject matter: Matters relating to the objectives and outcomes against which the effectiveness of the Basin Plan will be evaluated and on which the Authority, the Basin States, the Department and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder are required to report.	
chapter 1	1.07	N/A	1.07	adaptive management is taken to include the following steps: (a) setting clear objectives; (b) linking knowledge, (including local knowledge); management, evaluation and feedback over a period of time; (c) identifying and testing uncertainties; (d) using management as a tool to learn about the relevant system and change its management; (e) improving knowledge; (f) having regard to the social, economic and technical aspects of management.	This definition was added in response to feedback from stakeholders about the need to specify what is meant by 'adaptive management' as used in chapter 7 and chapter 12.
chapter 1	N/A	N/A	1.07	Agreement means the Murray Darling Basin Agreement, as amended from time to time in accordance with that agreement and as set out in Schedule 1 to the Act. Note: This is the same as the definition in section 18A of the Act. Other terms used in the Act have the same meaning in the Basin Plan unless the Basin Plan otherwise provides: see section 1.06.	This definition was added to clarify the reference in chapter 10 to the Murray Darling Basin Agreement. The definition reflects the definition in section 18A of the Water Act.
chapter 1	1.07	allocation announcement means an announcement specifying the volume of water allocated to water access entitlements. Note: An announcement could increase, decrease or leave unchanged the volume of water allocated.	1.07	allocation announcement means an announcement specifying the volume of water allocated to water access entitlements. Note: An announcement could increase, decrease or leave unchanged the quantity of water allocated.	This definition was amended to maintain consistency with chapter 11.
chapter 1	1.07	carryover announcement means an announcement made by a Basin State as to when water allocations covered by a carryover arrangement may be taken or traded.	1.07	carryover announcement means an announcement made by a Basin State as to when water allocations covered by a carryover arrangement may be taken.	This definition has been amended in response to feedback from stakeholders about the need to improve clarity and consistency with chapter 11
chapter	1.07	carryover arrangement	1.07	Carryover arrangement	This definition has been

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1		means an arrangement which allowed a water access right holder to retain water allocations not taken in a water accounting period for possible take or trade in the next water accounting period		means an arrangement which allows a water access right holder to retain water allocations not taken in a water accounting period for possible take in the next water accounting period	amended in response to feedback from stakeholders about the need to improve clarity with chapter 11.
chapter 1	1.07	register of take has the meaning given by section 6.09.	1.07	register of take means the register of take referred to in section 6.09.	This definition was amended to reflect changes in Chapter 6
chapter 1	1.07	restriction , in relation to trade, includes barrier.	1.07	restrict , in relation to trade, includes refuse, prevent, deter, delay, impose a condition or a barrier on, and restriction has a corresponding meaning.	This definition has been amended in response to feedback from stakeholders about the need to improve clarity and consistency with chapter 11
chapter 1	1.07	trade includes transfer.	1.07 (2) and (3)	(2) In the Basin Plan, a reference to trade includes a reference to transfer . (3) To avoid doubt, trade includes: (a) a trade that does not involve the payment of consideration; (b) a trade between places under which ownership of the right being traded does not change; and (c) the establishment of a leasing arrangement; and (d) the establishment of a tagged water access entitlement.	This definition has been amended to clarify the scope of 'trade' and to maintain consistency with item 12 of the table to s22 of the Water Act.
chapter 1	1.07	water accounting period has the meaning given by section 3.08.	1.07	water accounting period: (a) other than in Chapter 10— has the meaning given by section 3.08; and (b) in Chapter 10— has the meaning given by section 10.02.	This definition was amended to reflect changes in Chapter 10 and 3
chapter 1	1.07	water quality characteristic means a characteristic of water quality for which Part 4 of Chapter 8 sets a target value.	1.07	water quality characteristic: (a) other than in Chapter 10— means a characteristic of water quality for which Part 4 of Chapter 8 sets a target value; and (a) in Chapter 10—has the meaning given by section 10.02.	This definition was amended to reflect changes in Chapter 10 and 8
chapter 1	N/A	N/A	1.10	1.10 Reasonable excuse for not producing or providing information etc If a provision of the Basin Plan requires a person or body to produce or provide information, a notice or a document, the person or body	This provision has been added to allow a person or body an opportunity to provide a reasonable excuse for not complying with a requirement of the Basin Plan to provide information, where that requirement is legally invalid.

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				need not comply with the requirement if the person or body has a reasonable excuse for non-compliance.	
chapter 3	3.05	N/A	3.05(l)	(l) South Australian River Murray—all surface water resources in the area;	This provision has been added in response to requests from stakeholders and the states. The South Australian River Murray prescribed watercourse has been added as a new discrete surface water - water resource plan area. The provision was requested to alleviate the requirement to generate a number of water resource plans at the same time.
chapter 3	3.06 (b) & (o)	(b) New South Wales Alluvium above GAB — all groundwater resources beneath the area, excluding the Gunnedah-Oxley Basin; (o) New South Wales Sediments above GAB — all groundwater resources beneath the area;	3.06(f)	(f) New South Wales Great Artesian Basin Shallow—all groundwater resources beneath the area, excluding the Gunnedah Oxley Basin;	This provision has been amended in response to feedback from the states about the need to align the Basin Plan groundwater planning boundaries with the boundaries used by NSW. The NSW Alluvium above GAB and NSW Sediments above GAB have been merged into the NSW Great Artesian Basin Shallow water resource plan area.
chapter 3	3.07(e)	(e) South Australian Murray — the following: (i) all surface water resources in the area; (ii) all groundwater resources beneath the area;	3.07(e)	(e) South Australian Murray Region—the following: (i) all surface water resources in the area, excluding those in the South Australian River Murray (paragraph 3.05(l)); (ii) all groundwater resources beneath the area;	This provision has been added to give effect to the creation of the South Australian Murray Non-prescribed area as a new water resource plan area.
chapter 4	Chapter 4	Chapter 4—The identification and management of risks to Basin water resources	Chapter 4	Chapter 4—Identification and management of risks to Basin water resources	This heading has been edited for clarity
chapter 4	Part 2	Part 2—Risks and strategies to address those risks	Part 2	Part 2—Risks and strategies to address risks	This heading has been edited for clarity
chapter 5	All	Chapter wording revised.	All	Chapter wording revised..	The chapter as a whole has been revised in response feedback from stakeholders about the need to more explicitly reflect the Water Act 2007 and to improve clarity and readability.
chapter 5	5.01(3)(e)	(e) in relation to the trading of tradeable water rights.	5.01(3)(e)	(e) in relation to trading in the water market.	This provision has been amended in response to concerns raised by stakeholders about confusion caused by the terminology

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					used in the trade objectives and outcomes section. The changes to 5.06 has been reflected here and in the simplified outline.
chapter 5	5.01(3) note	The temporary diversion provision for each SDL resource unit is zero. Accordingly, there are no objectives or outcomes in relation to the temporary diversion provision.	5.01(3) note	The temporary diversion provision for each SDL resource unit is zero—see section 6.08. Accordingly, there are no objectives or outcomes in relation to the temporary diversion provision.	The change to this note was made to provide consistency with changes to Chapter 6.
chapter 5	5.02	5.02 Management objective and outcomes for the Basin Plan as a whole	5.02	5.02 Objectives and outcome for Basin Plan as a whole	This heading has been amended to simplify and improve readability of the chapter.
chapter 5	5.02(1)	(1) The management objective for the Basin Plan as a whole is to achieve a healthy working Murray-Darling Basin, including a healthy environment, strong communities and a productive economy, through the integrated and cost effective management of Basin water resources.	5.02(1) (a)- (d)	(1) The objectives for the Basin Plan as a whole are:(a) to give effect to relevant international agreements through the integrated management of Basin water resources; and(b) to establish a sustainable and long term adaptive management framework for the Basin water resources, that takes into account the broader management of natural resources in the Murray-Darling Basin; and(c) to optimise social, economic and environmental outcomes arising from the use of Basin water resources in the national interest; and(d) to improve water security for all uses of Basin water resources.	This provision has been amended in response to concerns raised by stakeholders that the outcomes as written were actions, and would more appropriately be described as objectives. Additionally, stakeholders mentioned the lack of reference to adaptive management and the broader natural resource management framework, as outlined in s21(4) of the Water Act.
chapter 5	5.02(2)	(2) The management outcomes that correspond to the objective in subsection (1) are that Basin water resources are used in a way that: (a) optimises economic, social and environmental outcomes; and (b) gives effect to relevant international agreements; and (c) improves water security for all uses of Basin water resources.	5.02(2)	(2) The outcome for the Basin Plan as a whole is a healthy and working Murray Darling Basin that includes: (a) communities with sufficient and reliable water supplies that are fit for a range of intended purposes, including domestic, recreational and cultural use; and (b) productive and resilient water-dependent industries, and communities with confidence in their long term future; and (c) healthy and resilient ecosystems with rivers and creeks regularly connected to their floodplains and, ultimately, the ocean.	This provision has been amended to reflect the changes made to the objectives for the Basin as a whole. Outcomes have been redrafted to reflect the revised objectives, more explicitly reflect s21(4) of the Water Act, further clarify the requirements for a healthy working basin, particularly in response to concerns about whole-of-Basin outcomes for communities, cultural uses, future economic growth and healthy ecosystems.

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chapter 5	5.03	5.03 Management objectives and outcome in relation to environmental outcomes	5.03	5.03 Objectives and outcome in relation to environmental outcomes	This heading has been amended to simplify and increase readability of the chapter.
chapter 5	5.03(1)	(1) The management objectives in relation to environmental outcomes are, within the context of a working Murray-Darling Basin:	5.03(1)	(1) The objectives in relation to environmental outcomes are, within the context of a working Murray-Darling Basin:	This provision has been amended to simplify and increase readability of the chapter.
chapter 5	5.03(1)(c)	(c) to ensure that water-dependent ecosystems are resilient to risks and threats; and	5.03(1)(c)	(c) to ensure that water dependent ecosystems are resilient to climate change and other risks and threats; and	This provision has been amended to more explicitly incorporate water dependent ecosystems resilience to climate change.
chapter 5	5.03 note1	The fact that water storages and property (including floodplains) are under the control of various persons will restrict the capacity to actively manage all water-dependent ecosystems.	5.03 note1	The fact that water storages and property (including floodplains) are under the control of various persons currently restricts the capacity to actively manage all water-dependent ecosystems.	This provision has been amended due to concerns raised by stakeholders that some of these restrictions may be changed in the future. This provision has been revised to reflect the possibility of future change.
chapter 5	5.03 note 2	Subsidiary objectives to each of the objectives in paragraphs (1)(a) to (c) are specified in Part 2 of Chapter 7.	5.03 note 2	Particular objectives relating to each of the objectives in paragraphs (1)(a) to (c) are specified in Part 2 of Chapter 7.	This amendment to note 2 was made to maintain consistency with changes to Chapter 7
chapter 5	5.03(2)	(2) The management outcome that corresponds to the objectives in subsection (1) is that the ecological and other values of water-dependent ecosystems in the Murray-Darling Basin are protected and restored so that ecosystems remain healthy in a changing climate.	5.03(2)	(2) The outcome in relation to subsection (1) is the restoration and protection of water-dependent ecosystems and ecosystem functions in the Murray-Darling Basin with strengthened resilience to a changing climate.	This provision has been amended to reflect the changes made to the objectives in 5.03.
chapter 5	5.04	5.04 Management objective and outcome in relation to water quality and salinity	5.04	5.04 Objective and outcome in relation to water quality and salinity	This heading has been amended to simplify and improve readability of the chapter.
chapter 5	5.04 (1)	(1) The management objective in relation to water quality is to maintain appropriate water quality, including salinity levels, for environmental, social, cultural and economic activity in the Murray-Darling Basin.	5.04 (1)	(1) The objective in relation to water quality and salinity is to maintain appropriate water quality, including salinity levels, for environmental, social, cultural and economic activity in the Murray-Darling Basin.	This provision has been amended to simplify and improve readability of the chapter.
chapter 5	5.04(2)	(2) The management outcome that corresponds to the objective in subsection (1) is that there is a low risk that Basin water resources will be unfit for use.	5.04(2)	(2) The outcome in relation to water quality and salinity is that Basin water resources remain fit for purpose.	This heading has been amended to provide a stronger link to its objective, and to simplify and increase readability of the chapter.
chapter 5	5.05	5.05 Management objective and outcomes in relation to long-term average sustainable	5.05	5.05 Objective and outcomes in relation to long-term average sustainable diversion	This heading has been amended to simplify and improve readability of the

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		diversion limits		limits	chapter.
chapter 5	5.05(1)	(1) The management objective in relation to long-term average sustainable diversion limits is to establish environmentally sustainable limits on the quantities of surface water and groundwater that can be taken for consumptive use from Basin water resources and in doing so:	5.05(1)	(1) The objective in relation to long-term average sustainable diversion limits is to establish environmentally sustainable limits on the quantities of surface water and groundwater that can be taken for consumptive use from Basin water resources, having regard to social and economic impacts, and in doing so:	This provision has been amended in response to feedback from stakeholders about the need for objectives and outcomes to have regard to socio-economic impacts. This provision makes explicit that the long-term average sustainable diversion limits take into consideration social and economic impacts.
chapter 5	5.05(2)	(2) The management outcomes that correspond to the objective in subsection (1) are:	5.05(2)	(2) The outcomes in relation to the establishment of long term average sustainable diversion limits are:	This provision has been amended so that the outcomes reflect the changes made to the objectives in 5.05, and to improve readability through the chapter.
chapter 5	5.05(2)(a)	(a) the outcome in subsection 5.03(2); and	5.05(2)(a)	(a) the restoration and protection of water dependent ecosystems and ecosystem functions in the Murray Darling Basin; and	This provision has been amended to improve readability and clarity.
chapter 5	5.06	5.06 Management objectives and outcome in relation to the trading of tradeable water rights	5.06	5.06 Objectives and outcome in relation to trading in the water market	This heading was amended in response to concerns raised in by stakeholders that the terminology used in the trade objectives and outcomes section was confusing. This change, and the removal of the word 'management' in the title, has been made to simplify and improve readability of the chapter.
chapter 5	5.06(1)	(1) The management objectives for trading of tradeable water rights are:	5.06(1)	(1) The objectives for trading in the water market are:	This provision has been amended to simplify and improve readability of the chapter.
chapter 5	5.06(2)	(2) The management outcome that corresponds to the objectives in subsection (1) is that efficient and effective water markets facilitate tradeable water access rights reaching their most productive use.	5.06(2)	(2) The outcome for trading in the water market is the creation of a more efficient and effective market that: (a) facilitates water reaching its most productive use; and (b) enhances the productivity and growth of water dependent industries; and (c) enables water dependent industries to: (i) better manage through extreme events under current climate variability; and (ii) strengthen their capacity to adapt to future climate change.	This provision has been revised to simplify and improve readability. This change was made in response to concerns raised by stakeholders that outcomes of trade did not address productivity and growth of water-dependant industries, or adaptation to climate change. The amendment also brings this provision into alignment with other subsections in this chapter revised for the same purpose.
chapter 6	6.04(1)	(1) The long-term average sustainable diversion limit for the Basin water resources as a	6.04(1)	(1) The long-term average sustainable diversion limit for the Basin water resources as a	The numbers quoted for 'reduction achieved' and 'gap remaining', as well as total

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		<p>whole is the sum of the long-term average sustainable diversion limits for the water resources of all SDL resource units.</p> <p>Note: The Authority estimates the long-term average sustainable diversion limit for all surface water SDL resource units to be 10,873 GL per year. This reflects a reduction of 2,750 GL per year from the Authority's estimate of the BDL for all surface water SDL resource units. The Authority estimates that, as of 30 September 2011, 1,068 GL per year has been recovered for the environment. An additional 214 GL per year from the Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project Stage 2 has recently been announced as recovered, leaving a further 1,468 GL per year to be recovered.</p>		<p>whole is the sum of the long-term average sustainable diversion limits for- of all SDL resource units.</p> <p>Note: The Authority estimates the long-term average sustainable diversion limit for all surface water SDL resource units to be 10,873 GL per year. This reflects a reduction of 2,750 GL per year from the Authority's estimate of the BDL for all surface water SDL resource units. The Authority estimates that, as of 31 March 2012, 1,344 GL per year has been recovered for the environment, leaving a further 1,406 GL per year to be recovered.</p>	<p>recovery in the note following 6.04(1), have been updated to 31 March 2012. These numbers may need to be further amended before the Basin Plan is finalised following consideration by the Basin State ministers. Note that these figures have been amended for each surface water SDL resource unit in Schedule 2 (see below).</p>
chapter 6	6.04(3)	<p>(3) The long-term average sustainable diversion limit for the water resources that make up each groundwater SDL resource unit is set out in column 4 of the table in Schedule 4. Note: This section sets environmentally sustainable limits on the quantity of surface water and groundwater that may be taken from an SDL resource unit. However, a water resource plan may set a lower long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken. See also section 9.13.</p>	6.04(3)	<p>(3) The long-term average sustainable diversion limit for each groundwater SDL resource unit is set out in column 4 of the table in Schedule 4. Note: This section sets environmentally sustainable limits on the quantity of surface water and groundwater that may be taken from an SDL resource unit. However, a water resource plan may provide for less water to be taken. see also subsection 9.11(2).</p>	<p>This provision has been amended to align with changes made in Chapter 9 Part 3.</p>
chapter 6	6.11(1)	<p>(1) For a water accounting period, sum the quantity of water permitted to be taken by each form of take for consumptive use from the SDL resource unit (annual permitted take).</p> <p>Note: Section 9.14 requires a water resource plan to determine the quantity of water permitted to be taken by each form of take for consumptive use from the SDL resource unit in each water accounting period.</p>	6.11(1)	<p>(1) For a water accounting period, sum the maximum quantity of water permitted to be taken by each form of take for consumptive use from the SDL resource unit, determined in accordance with the method for section 9.10 (annual permitted take).</p> <p>Note: Section 9.10 requires a water resource plan to set out a method for determining the maximum quantity of water permitted to be taken by each form of take for consumptive use from the SDL resource</p>	<p>This provision has been amended to align with changes made in Chapter 9 Part 3.</p>

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				unit in each water accounting period.	
chapter 6	6.13(3)	<p>(3) A Basin State may not claim that there is a reasonable excuse for an excess unless it has provided a report to the Authority setting out:</p> <p>(a) the reasons for the excess; and</p> <p>(b) the steps the Basin State will take to bring the balance of the register of take back below 20% of the long-term annual diversion limit for the SDL resource unit.</p> <p>Note: The Authority may undertake an audit in relation to compliance using its powers under the Act. The Authority may publish the findings of its audit, including steps that it believes should be taken to bring the SDL resource unit below the 20% threshold. The findings of such an audit may also lead to further action being taken by the Authority to ensure compliance with sections 34, 35, 58 and 59 of the Act.</p>	6.13(3)	<p>(3) A Basin State may not claim that there is a reasonable excuse for an excess unless it has provided a report to the Authority setting out:</p> <p>(a) the reasons for the excess; and</p> <p>(b) the steps the Basin State will take to reduce the cumulative balance of the register to zero or less.</p> <p>Note: 1 The Authority may undertake an audit in relation to compliance using its powers under the Act. The Authority may publish the findings of its audit, including steps that it believes should be taken to bring the SDL resource unit back to balance. The findings of such an audit may also lead to further action being taken by the Authority to ensure compliance with sections 34, 35, 58 and 59 of the Act.</p> <p>Note: 2 An excess may occur due to the operation of an accredited water resource plan or circumstances beyond a Basin State's control, in which case the Basin State may claim that there is a reasonable excuse for the excess.</p>	<p>This provision has been amended to require the report provided by a Basin State to set out steps to reduce the balance to zero or less and not just back below the 20% trigger. The intent of this section was for compliance to be against the long-term annual diversion limit and not an amount above that limit.</p> <p>Also a note has been added to clarify the role of accredited water resource plans in compliance with long-term annual diversion limits.</p>
chapter 7	All	N/A	All	Chapter 7 has been restructured with many provisions reordered	Chapter 7 has been restructured in response to feedback from stakeholders about the need for greater understanding about how the Environmental Watering Plan will work. The restructure has been undertaken to improve certainty and clarity while better providing for adaptive management.
chapter 7	7.01 (3) (c)	<p>(c) an environmental management framework for planned environmental water and held environmental water (Part 4) which includes:</p> <p>(i) processes to co-ordinate the planning and management of that water; and</p> <p>(ii) the Authority's role in planning for the recovery of</p>	7.01 (3) (c)	<p>(c) an environmental management framework for planned environmental water and held environmental water (Part 4); and</p> <p>Note 1: See section 7.10 for a detailed outline of the elements of the environmental management framework.</p> <p>Note 2: The principles to be</p>	Minor amendment to improve clarity and to reflect changes in structure.

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		additional environmental water; Note: Existing environmental water is safeguarded by other parts of the Basin Plan. See Chapter 6 (which deals with long-term annual diversion limits) and Chapter 9 (which deals with requirements that a water resource plan must comply with to be accredited or adopted).		applied in environmental watering are specified in Division 6 of Part 4.	
chapter 7	7.01 (3) (d)	(d) methods to be used to identify environmental assets and ecosystem functions in the Murray-Darling Basin that require environmental watering (Part 5);	7.01 (3) (d)	(d) the methods to be used to identify environmental assets in the Murray-Darling Basin that will require environmental watering (Part 5); and	Minor amendment to reflect the text in the Water Act.
chapter 7	7.01 (3) (e)	(e) principles to be applied, and methods to be used, to determine the priorities for applying environmental water (Part 6);	7.01 (3) (e)	(e) the principles to be applied, and the methods to be used, to determine the priorities for applying environmental water (including applying that water to environmental assets that are identified using the methods specified under paragraph (d) (Part 6).	Minor amendment to improve clarity.
chapter 7	7.01 (3) (f)	(f) principles to be applied in environmental watering, including a requirement that environmental watering must be carried out having regard to Basin annual environmental watering priorities published by the Authority (Part 7);		N/A	This provision has been deleted to remove duplication in the section.
chapter 7	7.01 (3) (g)	(g) the Authority's role in planning for the recovery of additional environmental water (Part 8).		N/A	This provision has been deleted to remove duplication in the section.
chapter 7	N/A	N/A	7.02	7.02 Effect of environmental watering plan on Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder(1) The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder must perform its functions and exercise its powers in a way that is consistent with: (a) the environmental watering plan; and(b) the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy.(2) When performing its functions and exercising its powers, theCommonwealth	This provision has been added to chapter 7 in response to concerns raised by stakeholders about the lack of clarity regarding the role of the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in the Environmental Watering Plan.

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				Environmental Water Holder must have regard to the Basin annual environmental watering priorities. Note: The Act imposes other obligations onto the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder that relate to the environmental watering plan. See sections 105, 106 and 114 of the Act.	
chapter 7	7.02(1)(b)	7.02 (1) (b) subsidiary objectives for each of those objectives.	7.03(1)(b)	7.03 (1) (b) particular objectives for each of those objectives.	Minor amendment to improve clarity.
chapter 7	7.03 Note 1	7.03 Note 1: The fact that water storages and properties (including floodplains) are under the control of various persons will restrict the capacity to actively manage all water-dependent ecosystems.	7.04 Note	7.04 Note: The fact that water storages and properties (including floodplains) are under the control of various persons currently restricts the capacity to actively manage all water-dependent ecosystems	Minor amendment to improve clarity.
chapter 7	7.03 Note 2	Note 2: Long-term watering plans are required to identify ecological objectives and ecological targets for a water resource plan area in accordance with the method in Part 5.		Deleted.	Changed to improve clarity.
chapter 7	7.04(1)	7.04 (1) This section sets out subsidiary objectives relating to the protection and restoration of the water-dependent ecosystems of the Murray-Darling Basin	7.05(1)	7.05 (1) This section sets out particular objectives relating to the protection and restoration of the water-dependent ecosystems of the Murray-Darling Basin	Minor amendment to improve clarity.
chapter 7	7.04(3)(a)	7.04 (3) (a) water-dependent ecosystems that: (i) depend on Basin water resources; and (ii) support the lifecycles of a listed threatened species or listed threatened ecological community, or species treated as threatened or endangered (however described) in State or Territory law; are protected and, if necessary, restored so that they continue to support those life cycles; and (b) representative populations and communities of native biota are protected and, if necessary, restored.	7.05(3)(a)	7.05 (3) (a) water-dependent ecosystems that support the lifecycles of a listed threatened species or listed threatened ecological community, or species treated as threatened or endangered (however described) in State law, are protected and, if necessary, restored so that they continue to support those life cycles; and (b) representative populations and communities of native biota are protected and, if necessary, restored.	The word 'Territory' has been removed as it is covered by the definition of a Basin state under the Water Act.
chapter 7	7.05 (1)	7.05 (1) This section sets out subsidiary objectives relating to the protection and restoration of the ecosystem functions of water-dependent ecosystems.	7.06(1)	7.06 (1) This section sets out particular objectives relating to the protection and restoration of the ecosystem functions of water-dependent ecosystems.	Minor amendment to improve clarity.

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chapter 7	7.05(3) (b)	7.05 (3) (b) ecological processes dependent on hydrologic connectivity longitudinally along rivers, and laterally, between rivers and their floodplains (and associated wetlands) are protected and restored; and	7.06(3) (b)	7.06 (3) (b) ecological processes dependent on hydrologic connectivity: (i) longitudinally along watercourses; and (ii) laterally between watercourses and their floodplains (and associated wetlands); and (iii) vertically between the surface and subsurface; are protected and restored; and	This provision has been amended to better recognise surface groundwater connectivity.
chapter 7	7.05(4)	7.05 (4) An objective is that natural processes that shape landforms (for example, the formation and maintenance of soils) are protected and restored.	7.06(4)	7.06 (4) An objective is that natural in-stream and floodplain processes that shape landforms (for example, the formation and maintenance of soils) are protected and restored.	This provision has been amended to better recognise floodplain processes.
chapter 7	7.05(6)	7.05 (6) An objective is to protect and restore food webs that sustain water dependent ecosystems, including by ensuring that energy, carbon and nutrient dynamics (including primary production and respiration) are protected and restored.	7.06 (7)	merged into 7.06 (7)	This provision has been merged into 7.06 (7) to remove duplication in the section.
chapter 7	7.06	7.06 Ensuring water-dependent ecosystems are resilient to risks and threats	7.07	7.07 Ensuring water-dependent ecosystems are resilient to climate change and other risks and threats	This provision has been amended to emphasise climate change as a risk.
chapter 7	7.07	Note: Section 12.12 requires 5 yearly reviews of the environmental watering plan to be undertaken by the Authority, which will include a review of the targets. (Removed)	Part 3	Note: Section 12.09 requires the Authority to conduct a review of the environmental watering plan every 5 years. This review will include a review of the targets. (Added)	This provision has been changed to improve clarity and remove duplication.
chapter 7	7.07 (1)	7.07 Targets by which to measure progress towards achieving objectives (1) The targets by which to measure progress towards achieving the objectives in Part 2 are set out in Schedule 7.	7.08 (1)	7.08 Targets by which to measure progress towards achieving objectives (1) The targets by which to measure progress towards achieving the objectives in Part 2 are set out in Schedule 5.	This provision has been amended to reflect the change to the numbering of schedules.
chapter 7	N/A	N/A	7.09 (d)	(d) the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy;	This provision has been added to recognise the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy.
chapter 7	Part 4	N/A	Part 4	Part 4 Revised	Part 4 has been revised in response to stakeholder concerns regarding the level of prescription specified in the Environmental Watering Plan. The issues raised by stakeholders suggested that many did not understand the purpose of the Environmental

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					Watering Plan, the way that the components of Part 4 fit together, and how they will operate
chapter 7	Part 4 Division 1	N/A	Part 4 Division 1	Part 4 Division 1 revised	This section has been updated to reflect the overall changes made to the structure of Part 4. Objectives of the framework have also been included to better describe the intent of the framework.
chapter 7	N/A	N/A	7.11	7.11 Objectives of environmental management framework The environmental management framework is intended to: (a) co-ordinate the planning, prioritisation and use of environmental water on both a long-term and an annual basis; and (b) enable adaptive management to be applied to the planning, prioritisation and use of environmental water; in order to achieve the objectives in part 2	This section has been included to improve clarity and in response to stakeholders calling for adaptive management to be better incorporated into the environmental management framework.
chapter 7	N/A	N/A	Division 2	New Division incorporated	The environmental management framework has been expanded to include the requirement for the MDBA to prepare a Basin-wide environmental watering strategy. The strategy will inform all components of the environmental management framework and makes the framework more complete. The addition of the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy responds to stakeholder concerns that there is not sufficient information in the Basin Plan about how environmental water will be used in a way that is consistent with adaptive management.
chapter 7	Division 2	Whole Division restructured	Division 3	Whole Division restructured	The structure and language has been significantly re-worked to improve clarity.
chapter 7	Division 2	N/A	7.19 (3)	(3) If the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy has identified particular assets or functions, and their requirements, under subparagraph 7.14(2)(a)(i), a long-term watering plan must include:	This new provision has been included to ensure consistency between the Basin watering strategy and long term watering plans.

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				<p>(a) any priority environmental asset that is located, or any priority ecosystem function that occurs, wholly or in part, within the water resource plan area to which the long-term watering plan relates; and</p> <p>(b) any priority environmental asset or priority ecosystem function whose environmental watering requirements are likely to be met from water sourced from within that water resource plan area.</p>	
chapter 7	7.12	<p>7.12 Consultation requirements</p> <p>A long-term watering plan must be prepared in consultation with:</p> <p>(a) holders of held environmental water;</p> <p>(b) managers of planned environmental water;</p> <p>(c) local communities (including any local bodies established for the purpose of expressing the views of local communities in relation to environmental watering); and</p> <p>(d) persons materially affected by the management of environmental water in the water resource plan area.</p>	7.20	<p>7.20 Preparation of long-term watering plans</p> <p>Consultation requirements</p> <p>(1) A Basin State must prepare a long-term watering plan in consultation with:</p> <p>(a) holders of held environmental water; and</p> <p>(b) managers of planned environmental water; and</p> <p>(c) river operators; and</p> <p>(d) local communities, including bodies established by a Basin State that express community views in relation to environmental watering; and</p> <p>(e) persons materially affected by the management of environmental water.</p> <p>Note: Under paragraphs (a) and (b), a Basin State may consult with any holder or manager whose environmental water could contribute to environmental watering in the water resource plan area, regardless of the location of the holder or manager, or of the location of the water.</p> <p>Matters to which Basin State is to have regard (2) When preparing a long-term watering plan, a Basin State must have regard to the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy (Division 2).</p> <p>(3) A long-term watering plan must be developed</p>	<p>A reference to river operators has been included to recognise the important role they will play in planning environmental watering. A note was also included to recognise that parties outside of a water resource plan areas may contribute to environmental watering.</p>

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				<p>consistently with the principles to be applied in environmental watering (Division 6).</p> <p>Advice from the Authority</p> <p>(4) The Authority may advise, or assist, a Basin State in preparing a long-term watering plan, or updated long-term watering plan.</p> <p>Consistency with international agreements</p> <p>(5) A long-term watering plan must not be inconsistent with relevant international agreements.</p> <p>Note: A purpose of the Basin Plan, including Chapter 7, is to give effect to relevant international agreements (see paragraph 20(a) and subsections 21(1), (2) and (3) of the Act). This provision is a further check to ensure that this purpose is achieved.</p>	
chapter 7	N/A)	N/A	7.19(8)	Note: The level of detail in a long-term watering plan may vary according to local conditions, and statutory and other arrangements prevailing in the water resource plan area.	This note has been included following stakeholder feedback that it is important to recognise the different environmental water arrangements that exist across the Basin.
chapter 7	7.19	<p>7.19 Long-term watering plans may be published</p> <p>The Authority or Basin State may publish a long-term watering plan or part of that plan.</p> <p>Note: To ensure transparency, it is expected that Basin States will publish long-term watering plans as soon as is practical.</p>	7.21	<p>7.21 Provision and publication of long-term watering plans</p> <p>(1) A Basin State must give a long-term watering plan for a water resource plan area to the Authority:</p> <p>(a) no later than 12 months after the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy is first published; or</p> <p>(b) if the long-term watering plan is reviewed and updated in accordance with subsection 7.22(1)—no later than 3 months after the relevant event mentioned in that subsection; or</p> <p>(c) if the long-term watering plan is reviewed and updated</p>	These provisions and note were (variously) amended and included to provide clarity regarding the requirement to provide and publish long term water plans following the publication of the Basin-wide environmental water strategy.

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				<p>in accordance with subsection 7.22(2)—as soon as practicable after it is updated; or</p> <p>(d) within another timeframe agreed to by the Authority and the Basin State.</p> <p>Note: Subsection 7.16(1) provides that the Authority has 24 months from commencement of the Basin Plan to publish the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy. The 12-month time frame referred to in paragraph (a) commences when the Authority actually publishes the strategy, and not 24 months after commencement of the Basin Plan.</p> <p>(2) The Authority or Basin State may publish a long-term watering plan or part of that plan.</p> <p>Note: To ensure transparency, it is expected that Basin States will publish long-term watering plans as soon as is practicable.</p>	
chapter 7	N/A	N/A	7.22	<p>7.22 Review and update of long-term watering plans</p> <p>(1) A Basin State must review and update a long-term watering plan if:</p> <p>(d) the Authority publishes an updated Basin-wide environmental watering strategy, the updates of which materially affect the long-term watering plan; or</p>	7.22 (1)(d) has been included recognising that plans may need to be updated when the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy is updated.
chapter 7	7.16	7.16 Operational constraints A long-term watering plan must identify any operational constraints in relation to environmental watering in the water resource plan area.	Division 3	<p>7.19 (6) A long-term watering plan must:</p> <p>(a) identify any operational constraints in relation to environmental watering in the water resource plan area; and</p> <p>(b) include strategies to manage or overcome those constraints.</p>	7.19 (6)(b) has been included following stakeholder feedback which highlighted the importance of including strategies to manage or overcome constraints.
chapter 7	Division 3	Division 3—Annual environmental watering priorities for a water resource plan area	Division 4	Division 4—Annual environmental watering priorities	The structure and language of this Division has been significantly re-worked to improve clarity.
chapter 7	N/A	N/A	7.25 (1)	7.25 (1) When identifying annual environmental watering priorities, a Basin State must apply the principles and use the method	This provision has been included to provide clarity regarding the application of Part 6.

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				in Part 6.	
chapter 7	N/A	N/A	7.24(4)	Note: The level of detail in annual watering priorities may vary according to local conditions, and statutory and other arrangements prevailing in the water resource plan area.	The note has been included in response to stakeholder feedback about the importance of recognising the different environmental water arrangements that exist across the Basin.
chapter 7	N/A	N/A	7.25(2)	(2) When identifying annual environmental watering priorities, a Basin State must have regard to: (a) the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy (Division 2); and	This provision has been added to reflect the intention that the Basin annual priorities are to be consistent with the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy.
chapter 7	Division 4	Division 4—Basin annual environmental watering priorities	Division 5	Division 5—Basin annual environmental watering priorities	This Division has been divided into five sections in order to improve clarity and consistency with the other Divisions in Part 4.
chapter 7	7.25	N/A	7.28	7.28 Content of Basin annual environmental watering priorities The Basin annual environmental watering priorities may identify any of the following: (a) priority environmental assets and priority ecosystem functions that have Basin-scale significance for environmental watering during that water accounting period; (b) priority environmental assets and priority ecosystem functions whose environmental watering during the period will require complex arrangements; Example: Complex arrangements could include multiple water sources, multiple sites, the involvement of multiple parties, the achievement of multiple benefits, or trade-offs. (c) any potential for synergies in environmental watering activities (including at a scale that involves multiple water resource plan areas). Note: Synergies could be identified in order to maximise environmental benefits in the way described in section 7.35.	The old s7.25 has been significantly rearranged into five sections. One of these (s7.28) clarifies the purpose of the Basin annual priorities. This provision has been included in response to stakeholder concerns about the lack of detail regarding the Basin annual watering priorities.
chapter	7.25(3)(g)	(3) When preparing the Basin	7.29	(3) When preparing the Basin	The text of this provision now

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7)	annual environmental watering priorities, the Authority must have regard to the following: (a) any advice prepared by a committee established under section 203 of the Act for the purpose of advising the Authority on issues relating to environmental watering; (b) the long-term watering plans for all water resource plan areas; (c) annual environmental watering priorities for all water resource plan areas; (d) the method in Part 5 and the principles and method in Part 6;		annual environmental watering priorities, the Authority must have regard to the following, where these relate to achieving objectives in Part 2: (g) Indigenous values and Indigenous uses;	picks up the definition of Indigenous values and is thus simplified and made consistent with other chapters.
Chapter 7	Part 7 Division 1 7.41 – 7.51	Part 7—Principles to be applied in environmental watering Division 1—Principles to be applied in environmental watering	Part 4 Division 6 7.32 to 7.44	Par4 Division 6—Principles to be applied in environmental watering	Ancillary to the restructuring of Part 4, Part 7 has been moved to become Division 6 of Part 4 to improve clarity. Divided into two Subdivisions.
Chapter 7	7.41	7.41 Principles to be applied in environmental watering This Part sets out the principles to be applied in environmental watering. Note 1: See sections 34 and 35 of the Act for the effect of these principles. Note 2: See the definition of environmental watering in section 4 of the Act.	7.32	7.32 Outline of Subdivision This Subdivision sets out the principles to be applied in environmental watering. Note: See the definition of environmental watering in section 4 of the Act	This is now an outline of the subdivision to assist readability. Note 1 has been removed to increase accuracy.
Chapter 7	7.44(b) (iv)	(iv) giving effect to social, spiritual and cultural values of Indigenous people, as determined through consultation with traditional Indigenous owner organisations, where these align with or enhance environmental outcomes; and	7.35(b) (iv)	7.35(b) (iv) having regard to Indigenous values; and	The text now picks up the definition of Indigenous values and is thus simplified and made consistent with other chapters
Chapter 7	7.48	7.48 Principle 7 – Working effectively with local communities Environmental watering should be undertaken having regard to the views of local communities, including bodies established by a Basin State that express community views in relation to	7.39	7.39 Principle 7—Working effectively with local communities Environmental watering should be undertaken having regard to the views of:(a) local communities, including bodies established by a Basin State that express community views in relation to	This provision has been amended to ensure consistency with similar provisions elsewhere in Chapter 7.

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		environmental watering.		environmentalwatering; and(b) persons materially affected by the management of environmental water.	
Chapter 7	7.49	7.49 Principle 8 – Adaptive management Environmental watering should be undertaken in a way that applies adaptive management including by: (a) setting clear objectives; and (b) linking knowledge, management, evaluation and feedback over a period of time; and (c) identifying and testing uncertainties; and (d) using management as a tool to learn about the relevant system and change its management; and (e) improving knowledge; and (f) giving consideration to both the social and technical aspects of management.	7.40	Adaptive management should be applied in the planning, prioritisation and use of environmental water.	An amendment has been made to this provision to make clear that adaptive management should be used the planning, prioritisation and use of environmental water.
Chapter 7	N/A		7.43	7.43 Principle 11— Management of water for consumptive use Management of water for consumptive use should, where possible, be undertaken in a way that is consistent with achieving the objectives in Part 2.	This provision has been added to ensure maximum environmental benefits by using consumptive water en-route where possible.
Chapter 7	Part 8 7.53		Part 4 Division 7 7.45 to 7.47		Ancillary to the restructuring of Part 4 Part 8 has been moved to become Division 7 of Part 4 and divided into three sections in order to improve clarity.
Chapter 7	7.53	N/A	7.45	7.45 Outline of Division This section sets out the Authority's role in planning for the recovery of additional environmental water.	This provision is now an outline of the subdivision to assist readability.
Chapter 7	7.53	7.53 Planning for the recovery of additional environmental water (1) This section sets out the Authority's role in planning for the recovery of additional environmental water. (2) The Authority may prepare, and publish on its website, recommendations about where in the Murray-Darling Basin additional environmental water should	7.46	7.46 Planning for the recovery of additional environmental water (1) The Authority may prepare, and publish on its website, recommendations about where in the Murray-Darling Basin additional environmental water should be recovered (environmental water recovery recommendations). (2) Without limiting	This section has been adjusted to assist interpretation. The content remains unchanged.

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		<p>be recovered (environmental water recovery recommendations).</p> <p>(3) Without limiting subsection (2), environmental water recovery recommendations may include the following:</p> <p>(a) priority areas for the recovery of environmental water;</p> <p>Note: See section 1.07 for the meaning of recovery of environmental water.</p> <p>(b) priorities for the recovery of certain types of water access rights;</p> <p>(c) the reasoning on which those priorities are based.</p> <p>Note: The reasoning may include models used by the Authority to identify priorities for the recovery of environmental water.</p>		<p>subsection (1), environmental water recovery recommendations may include the following:</p> <p>(a) priority areas for the recovery of environmental water;</p> <p>Note: See section 1.07 for the meaning of recovery of environmental water.</p> <p>(b) priorities for the recovery of certain types of water access rights;</p> <p>(c) the reasoning on which those priorities are based.</p> <p>Note: The reasoning may include models used by the Authority to identify priorities for the recovery of environmental water.</p>	
Chapter 7	7.53 (4) & (5)	<p>(4) If a person:</p> <p>(a) acquires a water access right for the purpose of undertaking environmental watering; and</p> <p>(b) does not acquire that right consistently with the environmental water recovery recommendations;</p> <p>then that person must, within 8 weeks of the acquisition, give to the Authority a statement of reasons for not doing so.</p> <p>Note: See section 25D of the <i>Acts Interpretation Act 1901</i> for content required in a statement of reasons.</p> <p>(5) The Authority may publish on its website a statement of reasons provided to it under subsection (4)</p>	7.47	<p>7.47 Reporting required where Authority's recommendations not followed</p> <p>(1) If a person:</p> <p>(a) acquires a water access right for the purpose of undertaking environmental watering; and</p> <p>(b) does not acquire that right consistently with the environmental water recovery recommendations;</p> <p>then that person must, within 8 weeks of the acquisition, give to the Authority a statement of reasons for not doing so.</p> <p>Note: See section 25D of the <i>Acts Interpretation Act 1901</i> for content required in a statement of reasons.</p> <p>(2) The Authority may publish on its website a statement of reasons provided to it under subsection (1).</p>	This change has been made to assist interpretation. The content remains unchanged.
chapter 7	7.27		7.49	<p>7.49 (2) This method may be applied in a flexible manner, having regard to the particular circumstances. Example: If new information came to light, the step in paragraph (1)(e) could be re-applied without needing to re-apply the entire method.</p>	This provision has been added to clarify that the method can be applied flexibly, as appropriate.

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chapter 7	7.28		7.50	7.50 (2) This method may be applied in a flexible manner, having regard to the particular circumstances. Example: If new information came to light, the step in paragraph (1)(e) could be re-applied without needing to re-apply the entire method.	This provision has been added to clarify that the method can be applied flexibly, as appropriate.
Chapter 7	7.30	Principles to be applied to determine the priorities for applying environmental water	7.52	Outline of Division	This section has been amended to assist interpretation.
Chapter 7	7.31 (c)		7.53 (c)	Note: Best available knowledge may change over time, especially as a result of monitoring undertaken pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Basin Plan	This note has been included to assist interpretation.
Chapter 7	7.33 (a)	Ensure that the management of all types of environmental water is co-ordinated between all holders of held environmental water and managers of planned environmental water to meet the overall environmental objectives for water-dependent ecosystems.	7.55	Deleted.	This provision has been deleted to remove duplication in the section.
Chapter 7	7.35 (c)	The opportunity to take advantage of non-environmental water flows (including flows in unregulated systems and releases of water from storage) to realise multiple benefits; and	7.57 (c)	The opportunity to take advantage of consumptive water flows (including flows in unregulated systems and releases of water from storage) to realise multiple benefits; and	The word 'consumptive' has been added and the word 'non-environmental' has been removed to improve consistency.
Chapter 7	7.38	Method to be used to determine priorities for applying environmental water	7.60	How to determine priorities for applying environmental water	This section has been amended to assist interpretation.
Chapter 7	7.38 (3)	When applying the method, a person must have regard to any guidelines published by the Authority	7.60 (3)	When using the method, a person must have regard to any guidelines published by the Authority	This section has been amended to assist interpretation.
Chapter 7	7.39 (2)	When determining the resource availability scenario, a person must have regard to any guidelines published by the Authority	7.61	Deleted.	This provision has been deleted to remove duplication in the section.
Chapter 7	7.40	Operational and management considerations	7.62	Seasonal, operational and management considerations	The term seasonal has been added to help describe the intent of the provision.
chapter 8	whole chapter	Chapter has been restructured for clarity.		Chapter has been restructured for clarity.	Chapter 8 has been restructured to simplify the chapter and improve its readability. This has been done in response to concerns raised by stakeholders that the obligations set out in the chapter were confusing.

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					Separate divisions have been created for the water quality targets for planning and management of water flows, the water quality targets that apply to the preparation of the water resource plans, and the water quality targets for the purposes of long-term salinity planning and management.
chapter 8	8.01 Note	N/A	8.01 Note 2	Note 2: Water quality includes salinity: see the definition of water quality in section 1.07.	Note 2 added to 8.01 to clarify the definition of water quality.
chapter 8	8.02(1)(c)	8.02 Types of water quality degradation and their key causes (1) The types of water quality degradation in the Murray-Darling Basin are the following: (a) elevated levels of salinity; (b) elevated levels of suspended matter; (c) elevated levels of nutrients;		The words 'including phosphorous and nitrogen' have been added after 'nutrients'.	This provision has been amended to specifically refer to phosphorous and nitrogen due to the fact that elevated levels of these two particular nutrients commonly lead to problematic algal blooms.
chapter 8	8.02(1)(g)	(g) elevated levels of pesticides and other contaminants;		The words 'heavy metals' have been added after 'pesticides' and the word 'toxic' has been added after 'and other'. For consistency this change will also need to be reflected in the header of the right hand column of schedule 9 – pesticides and other contaminants.	This provision has been amended to provide more clarity about the key causes of water quality degradation.
chapter 8	Part 3 - Water Quality Objectives for Basin water resources	Part 3 (8.03-8.08) has been restructured for clarity. Some clauses reworded, some new clauses added.		Part 3 (8.03-8.08) has been restructured for clarity. Some clauses reworded, some new clauses added.	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, Part 3 has been restructured and some clauses reworded to improve clarity.
chapter 8	8.03 (e)	8.03 Outline of this Part This Part sets out the following water quality objectives for Basin water resources: (e) the objective of ensuring no deterioration of water quality.	8.03 (e)	8.03 Outline of this Part This Part sets out the following water quality objectives for Basin water resources: (e) the objective of maintaining good levels of water quality.	This provision has been amended to give it more clarity.
chapter 8	8.04 (1)	8.04 Objectives for water-dependent ecosystems (1) The water quality objective for declared Ramsar wetlands is that the quality of water is sufficient to maintain	8.04 (1)	8.04 Objectives for water-dependent ecosystems (1) The water quality objective for declared Ramsar wetlands is that the quality of water is sufficient to maintain	This provision has been amended to give it more clarity.

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		the ecological character of those wetlands consistent with their ecological character descriptions.		the ecological character of those wetlands.	
chapter 8	8.04 (2)	8.04 Objectives for water-dependent ecosystems (1) The water quality objective for declared Ramsar wetlands is that the quality of water is sufficient to maintain the ecological character of those wetlands consistent with their ecological character descriptions. Note: See paragraph 21(3)(c) of the Act. (2) The water quality objective for water-dependent ecosystems other than declared Ramsar wetlands is that the quality of water is sufficient to achieve the objectives for water-dependent ecosystems described in Part 2 of Chapter 7.	8.04 (2) (a) (b) (c) Note	8.04 Objectives for water-dependent ecosystems (2) The water quality objective for water-dependent ecosystems other than declared Ramsar wetlands is that the quality of water is sufficient: (a) to protect and restore the ecosystems; (b) to protect and restore the ecosystem functions of the ecosystems; and (c) to ensure that the ecosystems are resilient to risks and threats. Note: See the overall environmental objectives of the environmental watering plan in section 7.03.	This provision has been amended to give it more clarity of purpose.
chapter 8	8.06	8.04 Objectives for water-dependent ecosystems (2) The water quality objective for water-dependent ecosystems other than declared Ramsar wetlands is that the quality of water is sufficient to achieve the objectives for water-dependent ecosystems described in Part 2 of Chapter 7.	8.04	8.04 Objectives for water-dependent ecosystems (1) The water quality objective for declared Ramsar wetlands is that the quality of water is sufficient to maintain the ecological character of those wetlands. Note: See paragraph 21(3)(c) of the Act. (2) The water quality objective for water-dependent ecosystems other than declared Ramsar wetlands is that the quality of water is sufficient: (a) to protect and restore the ecosystems; and (b) to protect and restore the ecosystem functions of the ecosystems; and (c) to ensure that the ecosystems are resilient to climate change and other risks and threats. Note: See the overall environmental objectives of the environmental watering plan in section 7.04.	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, this provision has been moved and renumbered accordingly.
chapter 8	8.08	8.08 Objective – no deterioration of water quality If the value of a water quality characteristic (for example, salinity, nutrients, pesticides,	8.08	8.08 Objective to maintain good levels of water quality If the value of a water quality characteristic (for example, salinity, nutrients, pesticides,	This provision has been amended to give it more clarity of purpose.

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		pH, turbidity) is at a level that is better than the target value for water quality set out in Part 4, an objective is to maintain that better value.		pH, turbidity) is at a level that is better than the target value for water quality set out in Part 4, an objective is to maintain that level.	
chapter 8	Part 4 - Water Quality Targets	Part 4 (8.09-8.18), has been restructured for clarity. Some clauses reworded, some new clauses added.	Part 4 - Water Quality Targets	Part 4 (8.09-8.18) has been restructured for clarity. Some clauses reworded, some new clauses added.	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, Part 4 has been restructured for clarity.
chapter 8	Division 1 - Preliminary	Division 1: Preliminary (8.09-8.11), has been restructured for clarity. Some clauses reworded, some new clauses added.	Division 1 - Preliminary	Division 1: Preliminary (8.09-8.11), has been restructured for clarity. Some clauses reworded, some new clauses added.	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, Division 1 -Preliminary has been restructured for clarity.
chapter 8	8.09	8.09 Outline of this Part and purpose of targets	8.09	8.09 Outline of this Part and purpose of targets	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, 8.09 has been restructured and reworded.
chapter 8	8.09 (1) (a)	8.09 Outline of this Part and purpose of targets(1) This Part sets out the following:(a) water quality targets for water-dependent ecosystems (including water-dependent ecosystems that are declared Ramsar wetlands) (Division 2);	8.09 (1) (a)	8.09 Outline of this Part and purpose of targetsThis Part sets out the following:(a) water quality targets to which particular entities must have regard when performing functions, including in relation to the management of water flows (Division 2);	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, this provision has been restructured and renumbered accordingly.
chapter 8	8.09 (1) (b)	8.09 Outline of this Part and purpose of targets (b) water quality targets for raw water for treatment for human consumption (Division 3);	8.09 (1) (b)	8.09 Outline of this Part and purpose of targets This Part sets out the following: (b) water quality targets that inform the development of certain measures required to be included in water resource plans (Division 3);	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, this provision has been restructured and renumbered accordingly.
chapter 8	8.09 (1) (c)	8.09 Outline of this Part and purpose of targets (c) water quality targets for irrigation water (Division 4);	8.09 (1) (c)	(c) salinity targets for the purposes of long term salinity planning and management for the Basin (Division 4).	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, this provision has been restructured and renumbered accordingly.
chapter 8	8.09 (1) (d)	8.09 Outline of this Part and purpose of targets (d) water quality targets for recreational water (Division 5);	8.09 (1) (d)	N/A provision removed	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, this provision has been removed.
chapter 8	8.09 (1) (e)	8.09 Outline of this Part and purpose of targets (e) salinity targets for Basin-wide salinity management (Division 6).	8.09 (1) (e)	N/A provision removed	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, this provision has been removed.
chapter 8	8.09 (2)	8.09 Outline of this Part and purpose of targets (2) The targets: (a) inform the development of certain measures which are	N/A	N/A	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, this provision has been removed.

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		<p>required to be included in water resource plans (Part 7 of Chapter 9); and</p> <p>(b) inform operational decisions relating to the management of water flows; and</p> <p>Note: See sections 7.25 (Basin annual environmental watering priorities) and 8.11.</p> <p>(c) will be used by the Authority to measure progress towards achieving the objectives in Part 3; however, if a target is not achieved, this does not in itself mean that a person has acted inconsistently with the water quality and salinity management plan.</p> <p>Note 1: These targets also inform the outcomes mentioned in section 12.04 and Schedule 10. It is expected that the Authority will enter into agreements with Basin States, ABARES, and the Director of Meteorology in relation to monitoring and reporting on matters relating to these targets, where applicable (see Part 4 of Chapter 12).</p> <p>Note 2: See also section 12.11 which requires the Authority to review these targets.</p>			
chapter 8	8.10	N/A	8.10	<p>8.10 Failing to achieve a target</p> <p>The failure to achieve a target does not in itself mean that a person has acted inconsistently with the water quality and salinity management plan.</p>	This provision has been added to clarify the nature of obligations under the water quality and salinity management plan.
chapter 8	8.11	<p>Division 1—Preliminary</p> <p>8.11 Certain target values to inform operational decisions</p>	8.12	<p>Division 2—Targets for managing water flows</p> <p>8.12 Targets for managing water flows</p>	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, this provision has been restructured and renumbered accordingly.
chapter 8	8.11 (3)	<p>8.11 Certain target values to inform operational decisions(3) An agency of a Basin State must have regard to the targets in subsection (5) when making decisions in relation to the licences and operating rights and obligations of operating authorities and infrastructure operators.</p>	8.12 (3)	<p>8.12 Targets for managing water flows(3) An agency of a Basin State must have regard to the targets in subsection (5) when performing functions relating to the management of water flows.</p>	This provision has been amended to make it clear that it applies to those who make the planning and operational decisions, not those who implement these decisions.

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chapter 8	8.11 (5)	8.11 (5) For the purposes of subsections (1) to (4), the following targets apply: (a) to maintain dissolved oxygen at a target value of at least 50% saturation; Note: This equates to approximately 50% oxygen saturation at 25°C and 1 atmosphere of pressure. (b) the targets for recreational water quality in Division 5; (c) the salinity operational targets in Division 6. Note: The salt load target is not to be considered for the purposes of the obligation in this section.	8.12 (5)	8.12 (5) For the purposes of subsections (1) to (4), the following targets apply: (a) to maintain dissolved oxygen at a target value of at least 50% saturation; Note: This equates to approximately 50% oxygen saturation at 25°C and 1 atmosphere of pressure. (b) the targets for recreational water quality in section 8.16; (c) to meet the target values for levels of salinity at the reporting sites set out in the following table, 95 per cent of the time:	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, this provision has been restructured and renumbered accordingly.
chapter 8	N/A	N/A	8.12(6)	8.12 (6) The Authority must: (a) monitor salinity levels at each reporting site in paragraph (5)(c) on a daily basis; and (b) conduct annual assessments of whether the target values in paragraph (5)(c) have been met over the previous 5 years; and (c) publish the findings of each assessment on its website. The Authority must: (a) monitor salinity levels at each reporting site in paragraph (5)(c) on a daily basis; and (b) conduct annual assessments of whether the target values in paragraph (5)(c) have been met over the previous 5 years; and (c) publish the findings of each assessment on its website.	A new provision was added to Chapter 8 to clarify how the achievement of the salinity operating targets would be monitored, assessed and reported upon.
chapter 8	Division 3	Division 3 -Water quality targets for raw water for human consumption	Division 3	Division 3—Water quality targets for water resource plans	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, this provision has been removed.
chapter 8	Division 3 -Water quality targets for raw water for human consumption 8.13 - Water quality	Division 3—Water quality targets for raw water for human consumption 8.13 Water quality targets for raw water for treatment for human consumption(1) The water quality targets for raw water for treatment for human consumption are that the values for each water quality characteristic meet the target values set out in	N/A	N/A provision removed	This provision has been removed in response to feedback from the states. Currently all Basin States have arrangements in place for drinking water management. Those arrangements establish drinking water standards which are based on the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG). Having them in the plan would not

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	targets for raw water for human consumption	<p>this section. (2) The target values in this section apply to surface water and groundwater at sites in the Murray-Darling Basin where water is extracted by a water supply authority for treatment and supply for human consumption. Note: Water resource plans are required to identify these sites (see section 9.38). (3) The target value for total dissolved solids (salinity) is 500 mg/L. Note: This target value achieves a palatability rating of 'good' as provided for in the ADWG. (4) The target values for cyanobacteria cell counts or biovolume are the values that will ensure that there is a low risk that water, once treated by a water supply authority, will not meet the standards for treated water set out in the ADWG relating to: (a) odour compounds (geosmin and 2-methylisoborneol); and (b) toxins (total microcystins, cylindrospermopsin, saxitoxins). Note: Measures expected to be included in water resource plans to manage high cyanobacteria cell counts or biovolume (Part 7 of Chapter 9) will be relevant to the characteristics at paragraphs (4)(a) and (b). Research Report 74 titled 'Management Strategies for Cyanobacteria (Blue-Green Algae): A Guide for Water Utilities' and published by Water Quality Research Australia Limited in 2010 may be useful for deriving applicable targets.</p>			add anything new, and merely duplicate existing arrangements.
chapter 8	Division 4— Water quality targets for irrigation water	Division 4—Water quality targets for irrigation water	Division 3— Water quality targets for water resource plans	Division 3—Water quality targets for water resource plans	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, the title of this division changed and the division restructured.
chapter 8	N/A	N/A	Division 3— Water	8.13 Purpose of Division The targets set out in this Division are to inform the	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, this provision has been added to

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			quality targets for water resource plans 8.13	development of certain measures which are required to be included in water resource plans. Note 1: See Part 7 of Chapter 9. In some circumstances, a WQM plan in a water resource plan may specify alternatives to target values set out in this Division: see subsection 9.36(4). Note 2: The targets in this Division relate to fresh water-dependent ecosystems, irrigation water and recreational water. The ADWG set out standards for the quality of raw water for treatment for human consumption.	clarify the purpose of the division.
chapter 8	Division 2 - Water quality targets for water-dependent ecosystems - 8.12	8.12 restructured	Division 3— Water quality targets for water resource plans 8.14	8.14	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, this provision has been restructured and revised.
chapter 8	8.12 (1)	8.12 Water quality targets for water-dependent ecosystems (1) The water quality targets for water-dependent ecosystems (including water-dependent ecosystems that are declared Ramsar wetlands) are that a water quality characteristic in a target application zone meets the target value set out in Schedule 9.	8.14 (1)	8.14 Water quality targets for fresh water-dependent ecosystems (1) The water quality targets for fresh water-dependent ecosystems (including fresh water-dependent ecosystems that are declared Ramsar wetlands) are that a water quality characteristic in a target application zone meets the target value for that characteristic and zone set out in Schedule 9.	This provision has been reworded to restrict its application to freshwater ecosystems only.
chapter 8	8.12 (2)	8.12 Water quality targets for water-dependent ecosystems(2) Despite subsection (1), for a declared Ramsar wetland, if:(a) an ecological character description for that wetland is published on the Department's website before the commencement of the Basin Plan; and(b) the ecological character description sets out the limits of acceptable change for water quality in that	N/A	N/A provision removed	This provision has been removed because chapter 9 is a more appropriate place for the consideration of all water quality target values for Ramsar wetlands. The ecological character descriptions for Ramsar wetlands in the MDB do not currently set out the limits of acceptable change for water quality, but may do so in the future. The requirement to adopt such values, or any other water quality target

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		wetland;then the only target values are those that correspond to those limits.			values that may be published in the future, should be through the state water resource plans.
chapter 8	N/A	N/A	Division 3— Water quality targets for water resource plans 8.13	8.13 Purpose of Division The targets set out in this Division are to inform the development of certain measures which are required to be included in water resource plans. Note 1: See Part 7 of Chapter 9. In some circumstances, a WQM plan in a water resource plan may specify alternatives to target values set out in this Division: see subsection 9.36(4). Note 2: The targets in this Division relate to fresh water-dependent ecosystems, irrigation water and recreational water. The ADWG set out standards for the quality of raw water for treatment for human consumption.	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, this provision has been added to clarify the purpose of the division.
chapter 8	Division 4— Water quality targets for irrigation water 8.14 Water quality targets for irrigation water	Division 4—Water quality targets for irrigation water 8.14 Water quality targets for irrigation water	Division 3— Water quality targets for water resource plans 8.15 Water quality targets for irrigation water	8.15 Water quality targets for irrigation water	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, this provision has been moved and renumbered accordingly.
chapter 8	8.14(3)	(3) The target values are set out in the following table: Item Basin region Salinity target (mg/L) – 95% of the time 1 Southern Basin (Murray River and tributaries) 500 2 Northern Basin (Barwon River and Darling River and their tributaries) 670 Note: To convert mg/L to EC, the following approximate conversion factors can be used: (a) for the Southern Basin (including the Lachlan river), EC = mg/L divided by 0.6; (b) for Northern Basin, EC = mg/L divided by 0.7; (c) for	8.15(3)	A third column to the salinity targets table at 8.15 (3) was added expressing the salinity target values in EC units. A note which explains the conversion factors used was also incorporated saying that: (a) for the Southern Basin (including the Lachlan river), EC = mg/L divided by 0.6; (b) for Northern Basin, EC = mg/L divided by 0.7; To convert mg/L to EC, for the Paroo and Warrego rivers, the following approximate conversion factors can be used EC = mg/L divided by 0.8.	This provision has been amended to include electrical conductivity (EC) in addition to mg/L to measure the amount of dissolved salt in water for the salinity target values.

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		the Paroo and Warrego rivers, EC = mg/L divided by 0.8.			
chapter 8	8.14(1)	8.15 (1) The water quality targets for irrigation water are that the values for a water quality characteristic meet the target values set out in this section.	8.15(1)	8.15 (1) The water quality targets for irrigation water are that the values for a water quality characteristic meet the target values set out in this section 95 per cent of the time over each period of 10 years that ends at the end of a water accounting period.	This provision has been amended to provide clarity about the time period over which the target would be assessed.
chapter 8	Division 5— Water quality targets for recreational water 8.15 Water quality targets for recreational water	Division 5—Water quality targets for recreational water 8.15 Water quality targets for recreational water	Division 3— Water quality targets for water resource plans 8.16 Water quality targets for recreational water	8.16 Water quality targets for recreational water	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, this provision has been moved and renumbered accordingly.
chapter 8	Division 6— Salinity targets	Division 6—Salinity targets	Division 4— Salinity targets for the purposes of long term salinity planning and management	Division 4—Salinity targets for the purposes of long term salinity planning and management	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, this provision has been moved and renumbered accordingly.
chapter 8	8.16 (1)	8.16 Salinity targets (1) This section sets out surface water salinity targets for the purpose of: (a) long-term salinity planning for water resource plans; and (b) monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Basin Plan.	8.17 (1)	8.17 Salinity targets (1) This section sets out surface water salinity targets for the purpose of long-term salinity planning and management for the Basin.	This provision has been amended to give it more clarity of purpose.
chapter 8	8.16 (2)	8.16 Salinity targets (2) The salinity targets are the Murray-Darling Basin and End-of-Valley Targets for salinity (as absolute values) set out in Appendix 1 of Schedule B of the Agreement as amended from time to time.	8.17 (2)	8.17 Salinity targets (2) The Murray-Darling Basin and End-of-Valley Targets for salinity are set out (as absolute values) in Appendix 1 of Schedule B to the Agreement as amended from time to time.	This provision has been amended to give it more clarity of purpose.
chapter 8	N/A	N/A	8.17 (3)	(3) The following entities must have regard to the	As part of broader structural changes to chapter 8, this

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				targets in performing long term salinity planning and management functions: (a) the Authority; (b) the Basin Officials Committee; (c) agencies of Basin States.	provision has been added to clarify the duties of entities performing long term salinity planning and management functions.
chapter 8	8.17 (1)	8.17 Salt-load target (1) This section sets out the salt-load target for the River Murray System for the purpose of: (a) monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Basin Plan; and (b) ensuring adequate flushing of salt to the ocean.	8.18 (1)	8.18 Salt load target (1) This section sets out the salt load target for the River Murray System for the purpose of long term salinity planning and management. The target is designed to ensure adequate flushing of salt into the ocean.	This provision has been amended to simplify and improve readability.
chapter 8	8.17(4)	8.18 (4) The Authority must assess achievement of the salt-load target against the number of tonnes of salt per year averaged over the preceding 10 years.	8.18(4)	8.18 (4) The Authority must assess, on an annual basis, achievement of the salt-load target against the number of tonnes of salt per year averaged over the preceding 10 years.	This provision has been amended to clarify the time period over which the target would be assessed.
chapter 8	8.18 (1) and (2)	(1) This section sets out the salinity operational targets that apply for the purposes of section 8.11.(2) The targets are to meet the target values for the reporting sites specified in the following table: Item Reporting site Target value (mg/L) – 95% of the time 1 River Murray at Murray Bridge 500 2 River Murray at Morgan 500 3 River Murray at Lock 6 310; 517 4 Darling River downstream of Menindee Lakes at Burtundy 500	8.12 (5)	8.12 (5) For the purposes of subsections (1) to (4), the following targets apply: (a) to maintain dissolved oxygen at a target value of at least 50% saturation; Note: This equates to approximately 50% oxygen saturation at 25°C and 1 atmosphere of pressure. (b) the targets for recreational water quality in section 8.16; (c) to meet the target values for levels of salinity at the reporting sites set out in the following table, 95 per cent of the time: Item Reporting site Target value (mg/L) and EC value 1 River Murray at Murray Bridge 500; 833 (EC) 2 River Murray at Morgan 500; 833 (EC) 3 River Murray at Lock 6 310; 517 (EC) 4 Darling River downstream of Menindee Lakes at Burtundy 500; 833 (EC) 5 Lower Lakes at Milang 600; 1000 (EC) Note 1: Schedule B to the Agreement imposes obligations on the Commonwealth and Basin States in relation to decisions that may have a 'Significant Effect' on salinity, and how to account for these effects. Note 2: The target values expressed in electrical	This provision has been amended in response to feedback from stakeholders. Three amendments were incorporated in 8.12 (5) being: a) The salinity reporting site number 3 in table 8.12(5)(c) has been changed from Lock 7 to Lock 6. The salinity statistics at Lock 6 are more stable than those for Lock 7 mainly as a consequence of the more stable and higher flows downstream of Lake Victoria and because of the buffering to salinity imposed by the Lake; b) A new reporting site at the Lower Lakes (at Milang) was added to table 8.12 (5)(c). The Milang location has been used as there is a historical record for this site, and it is not influenced by the day to day operations of the barrages, which may result in short term salinity fluctuations at sites closer to the mouth; and c) The electrical conductivity (EC) values in addition to mg/L were incorporated into table 8.12(5)(c).

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				conductivity (EC) units are set by dividing the corresponding mg/L target values by 0.6. Note 1: Schedule B to the Agreement imposes obligations on the Commonwealth and Basin States in relation to decisions that may have a 'Significant Effect' on salinity, and how to account for these effects. Note 2: The target values expressed in electrical conductivity (EC) units are set by dividing the corresponding mg/L target values by 0.6.	
chapter 9	9.02	9.02 Identification of water resource plan area and water resources (1) A water resource plan must identify: (a) the water resource plan area; and (b) the water resources; to which it applies. (2) The water resource plan area must be one of the water resource plan areas described in Part 2 of Chapter 3 and must be identified using the same description of that area set out in that Part (with any variations permitted by section 3.04). (3) The water resources must be those described in Part 2 of Chapter 3 as the water resources of the water resource plan area and must be identified using the same description of those water resources set out in that Part.	9.02	9.02 Identification of water resource plan area and water resources (1) A water resource plan must identify: (a) the water resource plan area; and (b) the water resources; to which it applies. (2) The water resource plan area must be one of the water resource plan areas described in Part 2 of Chapter 3 and must be identified using the same description of that area as is set out in that Part, with any variations permitted by section 3.04. (3) The water resources must be those described in Part 2 of Chapter 3 as the water resources of the water resource plan area and must be identified using the same description of those water resources as is set out in that Part.	This provision has been amended to improve clarity by improving the drafting of provisions (2) and (3).
chapter 9	9.04	9.04 Water resource plan constituted by 2 or more instruments (1) If a water resource plan is constituted by 2 or more instruments or texts, this section applies to it. Note: Subsection 63(1) of the Act states that a water resource plan may be constituted by 2 or more instruments. (2) The water resource plan must identify the instruments or texts that constitute the water resource plan. Note: The same instrument or	9.04	9.04 Form of water resource plan Water resource plan constituted by 2 or more instruments (1) If a water resource plan is constituted by 2 or more instruments or texts, subsections (2) and (3) apply to it. Note: Subsection 63(1) of the Act states that a water resource plan may be constituted by 2 or more instruments. (2) The water resource plan must identify the instruments	This provision has been amended to improve clarity by incorporating a new title and amalgamating provisions 9.04, 9.05 and 9.06 into one provision. This change has been undertaken in response to feedback from stakeholders which identified that chapter 9, in general, needed to be clearer.

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		<p>text may be used for more than one water resource plan.</p> <p>(3) If an instrument or text applies to only some of the water resources of the water resource plan area, the water resource plan must:</p> <p>(a) identify the water resources or parts of the water resources to which the instrument or text applies; and</p> <p>(b) include an indicative map of the water resources identified in paragraph (a).</p>		<p>or texts that constitute the water resource plan.</p> <p>Note: The same instrument or text may be used for more than one water resource plan.</p> <p>(3) If an instrument or text applies to only some of the water resources of the water resource plan area, the water resource plan must:</p> <p>(a) identify the water resources or parts of the water resources to which the instrument or text applies; and</p> <p>(b) include an indicative map of the water resources identified in paragraph (a).</p> <p>Water resource plan to include list of requirements</p> <p>(4) The water resource plan must include a list that specifies:</p> <p>(a) each requirement set out in this Chapter; and</p> <p>(b) the part of the plan that addresses each requirement; and</p> <p>(c) the parts of the plan that will cease to have effect or are to be reviewed, and the times at which those parts will cease to have effect or are to be reviewed.</p> <p>Material not forming part of the water resource plan</p> <p>(5) If the water resource plan is constituted by an instrument or text which contains additional material that is not part of the water resource plan, the water resource plan must identify that material.</p> <p>Note: See paragraph (d) of the definition of water resource plan in section 4 of the Act.</p>	
chapter 9	9.04	<p>9.04 Water resource plan constituted by 2 or more instruments</p> <p>(1) If a water resource plan is constituted by 2 or more instruments or texts, this section applies to it.</p> <p>Note: Subsection 63(1) of the Act states that a water resource plan may be constituted by 2 or more instruments.</p>	9.04	<p>9.04 Form of water resource plan</p> <p>Water resource plan constituted by 2 or more instruments</p> <p>(1) If a water resource plan is constituted by 2 or more instruments or texts, subsections (2) and (3) apply to it.</p> <p>Note: Subsection 63(1) of the Act states that a water</p>	<p>This provision has been amended to improve clarity by incorporating a new title and amalgamating provisions 9.04, 9.05 and 9.06 into one provision. This change has been undertaken in response to feedback from stakeholders which identified that chapter 9, in general, needed to be clearer.</p>

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		<p>(2) The water resource plan must identify the instruments or texts that constitute the water resource plan. Note: The same instrument or text may be used for more than one water resource plan.</p> <p>(3) If an instrument or text applies to only some of the water resources of the water resource plan area, the water resource plan must:</p> <p>(a) identify the water resources or parts of the water resources to which the instrument or text applies; and</p> <p>(b) include an indicative map of the water resources identified in paragraph (a).</p>		<p>resource plan may be constituted by 2 or more instruments.</p> <p>(2) The water resource plan must identify the instruments or texts that constitute the water resource plan. Note: The same instrument or text may be used for more than one water resource plan.</p> <p>(3) If an instrument or text applies to only some of the water resources of the water resource plan area, the water resource plan must:</p> <p>(a) identify the water resources or parts of the water resources to which the instrument or text applies; and</p> <p>(b) include an indicative map of the water resources identified in paragraph (a).</p> <p>Water resource plan to include list of requirements</p> <p>(4) The water resource plan must include a list that specifies:</p> <p>(a) each requirement set out in this Chapter; and</p> <p>(b) the part of the plan that addresses each requirement; and</p> <p>(c) the parts of the plan that will cease to have effect or are to be reviewed, and the times at which those parts will cease to have effect or are to be reviewed.</p> <p>Material not forming part of the water resource plan</p> <p>(5) If the water resource plan is constituted by an instrument or text which contains additional material that is not part of the water resource plan, the water resource plan must identify that material.</p> <p>Note: See paragraph (d) of the definition of water resource plan in section 4 of the Act.</p>	
chapter 9	9.05	<p>9.05 Water resource plan to include index</p> <p>A water resource plan must include an index which lists each requirement set out in this Chapter along with the specific part of the plan that</p>			This provision has been amalgamated into provision 9.04

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		addresses the requirement.			
chapter 9	9.06	9.06 Material not forming part of the water resource plan If a water resource plan is constituted by an instrument or text which contains additional material that is not part of the water resource plan, the water resource plan must identify that material. Note: See paragraph (d) of the definition of water resource plan in section 4 of the Act.			This provision has been amalgamated into provision 9.04
chapter 9	9.07	9.07 Regard to other water resources (1) A water resource plan must be prepared having regard to the management and use of:(a) the water resources of an adjacent water resource plan area; and(b) any water resources which have a significant hydrological connection to the water resources of the water resource plan area.(2) The water resource plan must describe the way in which regard was had to the matters referred to in subsection (1).	9.05	9.05 Regard to other water resources A water resource plan must:(a) be prepared having regard to the management and use of any water resources which have a significant hydrological connection to the water resources of the water resource plan area; and(b) describe the way in which paragraph (a) was complied with.	This provision has been renumbered and provision (a) removed because the Water Act (s63) already provides consideration of adjacent water resources.
chapter 9	9.08	9.08 Obligations to be specified (1) If this Chapter requires a matter to be dealt with in a water resource plan, the plan must specify the person responsible for that matter. (2) Without limiting subsection (1), if a water resource plan requires a measure or action to be undertaken, the plan must specify the person responsible for undertaking that measure or action.	9.06	9.06 Obligations to be specified (1) For each matter that this Chapter requires to be dealt with in a water resource plan, the plan must specify the person responsible for the matter. (2) Without limiting subsection (1), if a water resource plan requires a measure or action to be undertaken, the plan must specify the person responsible for undertaking that measure or action.	This provision has been amended to improve clarity by improving the drafting of provision (1)
chapter 9			9.07	9.08 Consultation to be demonstrated (1) A water resource plan prepared by a Basin State must contain a description of the consultation in relation to the plan, if any, that was undertaken before the Basin State gave the plan to the Authority under subsection 63(1) of the Act. Note: A water resource plan	This provision has been included in response to concerns raised by stakeholders that there were no consultation requirements in the water resource plan requirements. This provision now provides a requirement to describe the consultation process undertaken.

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				<p>prepared by the Authority and adopted under section 69 of the Act is a legislative instrument. The Legislative Instruments Act 2003 requires that the explanatory statements for such plans describe the consultation undertaken in relation to the plans.</p> <p>(2) If a water resource plan is amended in accordance with section 65 of the Act, the plan must contain a description of the consultation in relation to the amendment, if any, that was undertaken before the relevant Basin State gave the proposed amendment to the Authority under subsection 65(2) of the Act.</p>	
chapter 9	9.09	<p>9.09 Change in reliability</p> <p>(1) A water resource plan must, to the extent possible, meet each requirement of this Chapter in a way that will not result in a change in the reliability of water allocations in relation to the water resources of a water resource plan area.</p> <p>(2) However, if it is not possible to meet a requirement in such a way, the requirement has effect only to the extent that it does not result in such a change.</p> <p>(3) The change in reliability referred to in this section is a change in reliability of the kind dealt with by Subdivision B of Division 4 of Part 2 of the Act.</p>			<p>This provision has been removed because provision 6.15 sufficiently provides for MDBA policy in this regard, making this provision superfluous. This issues was raised by stakeholders, with a number of stakeholders identifying the similarities between provision 6.15 and the deleted provision.</p>
chapter 9	9.11	<p>9.11 Identification of planned environmental water and register of held environmental water(1) A water resource plan must identify the planned environmental water in the water resource plan area and associated rules and arrangements relating to that water.(2) A water resource plan must establish and maintain a register of held environmental water for the water resource plan area which records:(a) the characteristics of held</p>	9.09	<p>9.09 Identification of planned environmental water and register of held environmental water(2) A water resource plan must provide for the establishment and maintenance in of a register, to be published on a website specified by the plan, of held environmental water for the water resource plan area which records:(a) the characteristics of held environmental water in the water resource plan area (for example, quantity, reliability, security class, licence type,</p>	<p>This provision has been amended in response to feedback from stakeholders to make the intent clearer, especially with regard to allowing any register of Held Environmental Water to be used to satisfy this requirement.</p>

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		environmental water in the water resource plan area (for example, quantity, reliability, security class, licence type, limitations); and (b) who holds that water. (3) The register must be published on a website specified by the water resource plan.(4) The requirements in subsection (2) and (3) will be satisfied if a water resource plan identifies a register of held environmental water which records the matters required by subsection (2) and is published on a website.		limitations); and (b) who holds that water. (3) Subsection (2) is satisfied if the plan identifies a register of held environmental water which records the matters required by subsection (2) and is published on a website.	
chapter 9	Pt 3 Division 2 - 9.12-9.19		Part 3 Division 2 9.11-9.15	Part 3, Division 2—Take for consumptive use has been redrafted.	This division has been revised to improve clarity. With this revision a number of provisions have been moved, and in some cases removed. The intent of providing for the implementation of the sustainable diversion limits in this division has not changed. However this complex and crucial set of arrangements have been amended in response to feedback from stakeholders that indicated that the previous draft plan was not clearly understood by stakeholders.
chapter 9	9.12 - 9.15	9.12 Long-term annual diversion limits for each SDL resource unit to be specified (1) A water resource plan must state the long-term annual diversion limit for each SDL resource unit in the water resource plan area. Note: See section 4 of the Act for the meaning of long-term annual diversion limit. Under the Basin Plan, the long-term annual diversion limit is the same as the long-term average sustainable diversion limit because the temporary diversion provision for each SDL resource unit is zero. Section 6.04 and Schedules 2 and 4 set out the long-term average sustainable diversion limits for each SDL resource unit. This section requires the information in those Schedules to be set out in the plan.	9.10	9.10 Annual determinations of water permitted to be taken (1) For each SDL resource unit in a water resource plan area, and for each form of take, the water resource plan must set out the method for determining the maximum quantity of water that the plan permits to be taken for consumptive use during a water accounting period. (2) A method for subsection (1) may include modelling, and must be designed to be applied after the end of the relevant water accounting period, taking into account the water resources available during the period. (3) The method must: (a) account for the matters in subsection 9.12(1); and (b) be consistent with the other provisions of the water	The provisions outlining the implementation of the sustainable diversion limits within water resource plans, and the way that this is calculated, have been redrafted to improve clarity. A number of stakeholders noted that this important information was previously difficult to follow.

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		<p>(2) A water resource plan must specify an objective method (including modelling, if applicable) for calculating the predicted water system behaviour in relation to the long-term annual diversion limit for each SDL resource unit in the water resource plan area.</p> <p>Note: This method (including modelling, if applicable) is used to estimate the water permitted to be taken in a water accounting period (see also section 9.14).</p> <p>(3) For a surface water SDL resource unit, the method (including modelling, if applicable) must use an analysis of predicted water system behaviour over a repeat of the historical climate conditions.</p> <p>Note 1: See section 1.07 for the meaning of historical climate conditions.</p> <p>Note 2: The method may, for example, be an estimate where there is insufficient information available.</p> <p>9.13 Maximum long-term annual average quantity of water that can be taken</p> <p>(1) A water resource plan must specify the maximum long-term annual average quantity of water that can be taken from each SDL resource unit in the water resource plan area under the rules of the water resource plan for consumptive use.</p> <p>(2) From 1 July 2019, a quantity specified under subsection (1) must not exceed the long-term annual diversion limit that applies to the relevant SDL resource unit.</p> <p>(3) A water resource plan must specify an objective method (including modelling, if applicable) for demonstrating that, from 1 July 2019, the rules of the water resource plan operate to ensure that take from the SDL resource unit for consumptive use is less than</p>		<p>resource plan.</p> <p>(4) The plan must also set out a demonstration that applying the limits to consumptive use determined under subsection (1) over a repeat of the historical climate conditions would result in meeting the SDL for each SDL resource unit.</p> <p>Note: Under the Basin Plan, the SDL is the same as the long term annual diversion limit because the temporary diversion provision for each SDL resource unit is zero.</p> <p>Section 6.04 and Schedules 2 and 4 set out the SDLs for each SDL resource unit.</p>	

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		<p>or equal to the quantity specified in subsection (2).</p> <p>(4) For a surface water SDL resource unit, the method (including modelling, if applicable) must use an analysis of predicted water system behaviour over a repeat of the historical climate conditions.</p> <p>Note 1: See section 1.07 for the meaning of historical climate conditions.</p> <p>Note 2: The method may, for example, be an estimate where there is insufficient information available.</p> <p>9.14 Annual quantity of water permitted to be taken</p> <p>(1) A water resource plan must determine the quantity of water permitted to be taken for consumptive use in a water accounting period:</p> <p>(a) by each form of take;</p> <p>(b) from each SDL resource unit in the water resource plan area.</p> <p>Note: This is the annual expression of the long-term annual diversion limit and is used in the compliance method in Part 4 of Chapter 6 (in particular see section 6.11).</p> <p>(2) The quantity of water determined in subsection (1) must be determined consistently with the method (including modelling, if applicable) in subsection 9.12(2).</p> <p>(3) The water resource plan must be sufficiently certain to allow the quantity of water permitted to be taken in a water accounting period by a form of take from an SDL resource unit to be objectively determined.</p> <p>9.15 Annual quantity of water that can be taken</p> <p>(1) A water resource plan must determine the quantity of water that can be taken for consumptive use in a water accounting period under the rules of the water resource plan:</p> <p>(a) by each form of take;</p>			

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		<p>(b) from each SDL resource unit in the water resource plan area.</p> <p>(2) The quantity of water determined in subsection (1) must be determined consistently with the method (including modelling, if applicable) in subsection 9.13(3).</p> <p>(3) The water resource plan must be sufficiently certain to allow the quantity of water that can be taken by a form of take from an SDL resource unit to be objectively determined.</p>			
chapter 9	9.16	<p>9.16 Annual allocations must be determined(1) The water resource plan must provide for the determination of the water allocations to be made to water access entitlements in a water accounting period.(2) The water allocations must be determined consistently with the method used to estimate the quantity in section 9.13(3).</p>	9.11	<p>9.11 Rules for take, including water allocation rules(1) A water resource plan must set out rules (including, if applicable, rules for water allocations) that ensure, as far as practicable, that the quantity of water actually taken from each SDL resource unit for consumptive use in a water accounting period that commences after 30 June 2019 does not (after making any adjustments for the disposal or acquisition of held environmental water) exceed the unit's annual permitted take for the period.Note 1: From 1 July 2019, compliance with the long term annual diversion limit is measured using the annual permitted take (see Part 4 of Chapter 6). The annual permitted take is defined in subsection 6.11(1).Note 2: Water allocations can be made during or before a water accounting period. The annual permitted take is usually worked out after the end of a water accounting period. A water resource plan may provide for less water to be taken</p> <p>(2) To avoid doubt, the rules may be designed to ensure that the quantity of water that is actually taken for consumptive use from an SDL resource unit in a water accounting period is less than the annual permitted take.</p>	<p>This provision has been amended to improve clarity in response to feedback from stakeholders.</p>

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chapter 9	9.17	<p>9.17 Matters relating to accounting for water</p> <p>(1) For the purposes of sections 9.14 and 9.15, the water resource plan must provide for the accounting for:</p> <p>(a) water allocations that are carried over from one water accounting period to the next; and</p> <p>(b) if it is a water resource plan area containing surface water – return flows, in a way that is consistent with arrangements under the Agreement immediately before the commencement of the Basin Plan; and</p> <p>(c) trade of water access rights; and</p> <p>(d) water resources which are hydrologically connected to the water resources of the SDL resource unit; and</p> <p>(e) circumstances in which there is a change in the way water is taken or held under a water access right; and</p> <p>(f) water sourced from the Great Artesian Basin and released into a Basin water resource, by excluding that water.</p> <p>(2) In applying paragraph (1)(c), the water resource plan must account for the disposal and acquisition of held environment water separately and in a way that does not alter the determinations made in accordance with sections 9.14 and 9.15.</p>	9.12	<p>9.12 Matters relating to accounting for water</p> <p>(1) For paragraph 9.10(3)(a), the following matters must be accounted for:</p> <p>(a) all forms of take from the SDL resource unit and all classes of water access right;</p> <p>(b) water allocations that are determined in one water accounting period and used in another, including water allocations that are carried over from one water accounting period to the next;</p> <p>(c) if it is a water resource plan area containing surface water—return flows, in a way that is consistent with arrangements under the Agreement immediately before the commencement of the Basin Plan;</p> <p>(d) subject to subsection (3)—trade of water access rights;</p> <p>(e) water resources which have a significant hydrological connection to the water resources of the SDL resource unit;</p> <p>(f) circumstances in which there is a change in the way water is taken or held under a water access right;</p> <p>(g) changes over time in the extent to which water allocations in the unit are utilised;</p> <p>(h) water sourced from the Great Artesian Basin and released into a Basin water resource, by excluding that water;</p> <p>(i) water resources which are used for the purpose of managed aquifer recharge.</p> <p>Note: Paragraph (g) includes what is commonly known as a growth-in-use strategy.</p> <p>(2) Subject to this section, the method may account for other matters.</p> <p>(3) For paragraph (1)(d), the water resource plan must account for the disposal and acquisition of held environmental water separately and in a way that does not affect the method under section 9.10.</p>	This provision has been amended to improve clarity in response to feedback from stakeholders.

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chapter 9	9.18	<p>9.18 Limits on certain forms of take (1) Subject to this section, a water resource plan must require that the long-term annual average quantity of water that can be taken from a surface water SDL resource unit for consumptive use by:(a) take under a basic right; or(b) take by a runoff dam; or(c) net take by a commercial plantation;does not exceed the level specified in column 2 of Schedule 3 for that form of take.(2) The quantity specified in subsection (1) for a form of take may be increased above the level specified in column 2 of Schedule 3 for that form of take if:(a) the long-term annual average quantity of water that can be taken by another form of take from the same SDL resource unit is changed at the same time so that there is no overall change in the total long-term annual average quantity of water that can be taken; and(b) take by the forms of take affected by the changes are capable of:(i) being accurately measured (for example, through the use of a meter); or(ii) in the case of a form of take that is not capable of being accurately measured at the time the water resource plan is submitted for accreditation or adoption – being reasonably estimated using the best available method immediately before the water resource plan is submitted; and(c) the changes are not expected to result in the take from the SDL resource unit ceasing to be an environmentally sustainable level of take.</p>	9.13	<p>9.13 Limits on certain forms of take (1) Subject to this section, a water resource plan must require that the long-term annual average quantity of water that can be taken from a surface water SDL resource unit for consumptive use by:(a) take under basic rights; or(b) take by runoff dams; or(c) net take by commercial plantations;does not exceed the level specified in column 2 of Schedule 3 for that form of take.(2) The quantity specified in subsection (1) for a form of take may be increased above the level specified in column 2 of Schedule 3 for that form of take if:(a) the long-term annual average quantity of water that can be taken by another form of take from the same SDL resource unit is changed at the same time so that there is no overall change in the total long-term annual average quantity of water that can be taken; and(b) take by the forms of take affected by the changes are capable of:(i) being accurately measured (for example, through the use of a meter); or(ii) in the case of a form of take that is not capable of being accurately measured at the time the water resource plan is submitted for accreditation or adoption – being reasonably estimated using the best available method immediately before the water resource plan is submitted; and(c) the changes are not expected to result in the take from the SDL resource unit ceasing to be an environmentally sustainable level of take.</p>	This provision has been amended to improve clarity in response to feedback from stakeholders. Text of 9.13(1) has been made clearer.
chapter 9	9.19	<p>9.19 Effects, and potential effects, on water resources of the water resource plan area (1) A water resource plan must identify the effect, or the potential effect, if any, of the use and management of water resources that are not in the water resource plan</p>	9.14	<p>9.14 Effects, and potential effects, on water resources of the water resource plan area (1) A water resource plan must identify the effect, or potential effect, if any, of the following on the use and management of the water resources of the water</p>	This provision has been amended to improve clarity with regard to what is actually required in response to feedback from stakeholders. The scope of the provision now in 9.14(1) is more specific.

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		<p>area on the use and management of the water resources of the water resource plan area.</p> <p>(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the water resource plan must identify the effect, or potential effect, if any, of the following on the use and management of the water resources of the water resource plan area:</p> <p>(a) the taking of groundwater outside a groundwater SDL resource unit resulting in water being removed from that unit because of a pre-existing hydrological connection or a hydrological connection created by the process of taking; and</p> <p>(b) the taking of surface water or groundwater resulting in water that would otherwise flow directly or indirectly into an SDL resource unit no longer flowing into that unit.</p> <p>(3) If a water resource plan identifies an effect, or potential effect, of the kind referred to in subsection (1), the water resource plan must set out:</p> <p>(a) a process for monitoring that effect or potential effect; and</p> <p>(b) actions that will be taken to respond to that effect or potential effect.</p> <p>(4) Without limiting paragraph (3)(b), the water resource plan may require a person to hold a water access right in the water resource plan area in relation to the effect, or potential effect, identified.</p> <p>(5) The requirement in subsection (1) applies whether or not the water resources that are not in the water resource plan area are a Basin water resource.</p>		<p>resource plan area:</p> <p>(a) the taking of groundwater that is not a Basin water resource resulting in water being removed from a groundwater SDL resource unit in the water resource plan area because of a pre-existing hydrological connection or a hydrological connection created by the process of taking that groundwater; and</p> <p>(b) the taking of groundwater that is not a Basin resource resulting in water that would otherwise flow directly or indirectly into an SDL resource unit in the water resource plan area no longer flowing into that unit.</p> <p>(2) If a water resource plan identifies an effect, or potential effect, of the kind referred to in subsection (1), the water resource plan must set out:</p> <p>(a) a process for monitoring that effect or potential effect; and</p> <p>(b) actions that will be taken to respond to that effect or potential effect.</p> <p>(3) Without limiting paragraph (2)(b), the water resource plan may require a person to hold a water access right in the water resource plan area in relation to the effect, or potential effect, identified.</p>	
chapter 9	9.20	9.20 Determination of actual take must be specified(1) A water resource plan must require:(a) the quantity of water actually taken for consumptive use, by each form of take from an SDL	9.15	9.15 Determination of actual take must be specified(1) A water resource plan must set out how the quantity of water actually taken for consumptive use by each form of take from each SDL	Division 3 has been redrafted to improve clarity in this complex and crucial set of arrangements. This amendment was made in response to feedback from stakeholders about the need

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		resource unit, to be determined; and(b) the determination to be done using the best available method (including modelling, if applicable) at the time the determination of actual take is made; and(c) records to be maintained showing how the determination was made, including the source of information relied on, and any method (including modelling, if applicable) used.Note: Paragraph 71(1)(c) of the Act requires information mentioned in paragraph (a) of this section to be provided to the Authority.(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), the quantity of water actually taken must:(a) include water that was held environmental water which was disposed of and then used in the SDL resource unit for consumptive use; and(b) exclude water sourced from the Great Artesian Basin and released into and taken from a Basin water resource.		resource unit will be determined after the end of a water accounting period.Note: The annual actual take for the SDL resource unit is the sum of the quantity of water actually taken by each form of take for consumptive use: see subsection 6.11(2). Paragraph 71(1)(c) of the Act requires the annual actual take to be set out in a report to the Authority within 4 months after the end of the water accounting period. (2) The plan must provide for the determination to be made: (a) by using the best available measurement; or (b) if it is not possible to accurately measure the quantity: (i) by using a method, which may include modelling, that is specified in the plan and is consistent with the method for section 9.10; or (ii) by estimating the quantity using the best available information. (3) The quantity of water actually taken must: (a) include water that was held environmental water which was disposed of and then used in the SDL resource unit for consumptive use; and(b) exclude water sourced from the Great Artesian Basin and released into and taken from a Basin water resource.	to improve the clarity of this provision.
chapter 9	9.22.	9.22 Priority environmental assets and priority ecosystem functions (1) A water resource plan must be prepared having regard to whether it is necessary for it to include rules which ensure that the environmental watering requirements of priority environmental assets and priority ecosystem functions are not compromised.	9.17	9.17 Priority environmental assets and priority ecosystem functions (1) A water resource plan must be prepared having regard to whether it is necessary for it to include rules which ensure that the operation of the plan does not compromise the meeting of environmental watering requirements of priority environmental assets and priority ecosystem functions.	This provision has been changed to clarify the intention of the provision, based on stakeholders feedback. This clarification is in response to the need to be clear regarding what it is that is not compromised as a result of the water resource plans.
chapter 9	9.23	9.23 Priority environmental assets dependent on	9.18	9.18 Priority environmental assets dependent on	This provision has been changed to clarify the

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		<p>groundwater</p> <p>(1) A water resource plan must be prepared having regard to whether it is necessary for it to include rules which ensure that, for priority environmental assets that depend on groundwater, environmental watering requirements are not compromised.</p> <p>Note: Long-term watering plans are required to use the method in Part 5 of Chapter 7 to identify the environmental watering requirements of priority environmental assets.</p> <p>(2) Without limiting subsection (1), regard must be had to whether it is necessary for the water resource plan to include rules that specify:</p> <p>(a) the times, places and rates at which water is permitted to be taken from a groundwater SDL resource unit; and</p> <p>(b) resource condition limits, being limits beyond which the taking of groundwater will, for a priority environmental asset that depends on groundwater, compromise an environmental watering requirement; and</p> <p>(c) restrictions on the water permitted to be taken (including the times, places and rates at which water may be taken) in order to prevent a resource condition limit from being exceeded.</p> <p>(3) If the outcome of the requirement in subsection (1) is that such rules are necessary, the water resource plan must include those rules.</p>		<p>groundwater</p> <p>(1) A water resource plan must be prepared having regard to whether it is necessary for it to include rules which ensure that, for priority environmental assets that depend on groundwater, the operation of the plan does not compromise the meeting of environmental watering requirements.</p> <p>Note: Long-term watering plans are required to use the method in Part 5 of Chapter 7 to identify the environmental watering requirements of priority environmental assets.</p> <p>(2) Without limiting subsection (1), regard must be had to whether it is necessary for the water resource plan to include rules that specify:</p> <p>(a) the times, places and rates at which water is permitted to be taken from a groundwater SDL resource unit; and</p> <p>(b) resource condition limits, being limits beyond which the taking of groundwater will, for a priority environmental asset that depends on groundwater, compromise an environmental watering requirement; and</p> <p>(c) restrictions on the water permitted to be taken (including the times, places and rates at which water may be taken) in order to prevent a resource condition limit from being exceeded.</p> <p>(3) If the outcome of the requirement in subsection (1) is that such rules are necessary, the water resource plan must include those rules.</p>	<p>intention of the provision, based on stakeholders feedback. This clarification is in response to the need to be clear regarding what it is that is not compromised as a result of the water resource plans.</p>
chapter 9	9.24	<p>9.24 Groundwater and surface water connections(1)</p> <p>A water resource plan must be prepared having regard to whether it is necessary for it to include rules which ensure that, for groundwater that has a significant hydrological connection to surface water, environmental watering requirements (for example, base flows) are not</p>	9.19	<p>9.19 Groundwater and surface water connections(1)</p> <p>A water resource plan must be prepared having regard to whether it is necessary for it to include rules which ensure that, for groundwater that has a significant hydrological connection to surface water, the operation of the plan does not compromise the meeting of environmental</p>	<p>This provision has been changed to clarify the intention of the provision, based on stakeholders feedback. This clarification is in response to the need to be clear regarding what it is that is not compromised as a result of the water resource plans.</p>

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		<p>compromised.(2) Without limiting subsection (1), regard must be had to whether it is necessary for the water resource plan to include rules that specify:(a) the times, places and rates at which water is permitted to be taken from a groundwater SDL resource unit; and(b) resource condition limits, being limits beyond which the taking of groundwater will compromise the discharge of water into any surface water resource; and(c) restrictions on the water permitted to be taken (including the times, places and rates at which water may be taken) in order to prevent a resource condition limit from being exceeded.(3) If the outcome of the requirement in subsection (1) is that such rules are necessary, the water resource plan must include those rules.</p>		<p>watering requirements (for example, base flows).(2) Without limiting subsection (1), regard must be had to whether it is necessary for the water resource plan to include rules that specify:(a) the times, places and rates at which water is permitted to be taken from a groundwater SDL resource unit; and(b) resource condition limits, being limits beyond which the taking of groundwater will compromise the discharge of water into any surface water resource; and(c) restrictions on the water permitted to be taken (including the times, places and rates at which water may be taken) in order to prevent a resource condition limit from being exceeded.(3) If the outcome of the requirement in subsection (1) is that such rules are necessary, the water resource plan must include those rules.</p>	
chapter 9	9.26	<p>9.26 Environmental outcomes relating to groundwater (1) A water resource plan must be prepared having regard to whether it is necessary for it to include rules to prevent an unacceptable level of salinity or contaminants within a groundwater SDL resource unit. (2) Without limiting subsection (1), regard must be had to whether it is necessary for the water resource plan to include rules that specify: (a) the times, places and rates at which water is permitted to be taken from a groundwater SDL resource unit; and (b) resource condition limits, being limits beyond which the taking of groundwater from the groundwater SDL resource unit will result in an unacceptable level of salinity or contaminants; and (c) restrictions on the water permitted to be taken (including the times, places</p>	9.21	<p>9.21 Environmental outcomes relating to groundwater (1) A water resource plan must be prepared having regard to whether it is necessary for it to include rules to prevent elevated levels of salinity and other types of water quality degradation within a groundwater SDL resource unit. (2) Without limiting subsection (1), regard must be had to whether it is necessary for the water resource plan to include rules that specify: (a) the times, places and rates at which water is permitted to be taken from a groundwater SDL resource unit; and (b) resource condition limits, being limits beyond which the taking of groundwater from the groundwater SDL resource unit will result in an elevated level of salinity or another type of water quality degradation; and (c) restrictions on the water</p>	<p>This provision has been amended to link it more directly to the causes of water quality degradation relating to groundwater.</p>

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		and rates at which water may be taken) in order to prevent a resource condition limit from being exceeded; and (d) a requirement to establish and maintain a register which identifies the sites of bores used to monitor salinity and contaminants in the groundwater SDL resource unit. (3) If the outcome of the requirement in subsection (1) is that such rules are necessary, the water resource plan must include those rules.		permitted to be taken (including the times, places and rates at which water may be taken) in order to prevent a resource condition limit from being exceeded; and (d) a requirement to establish and maintain a register which identifies the sites of bores used to monitor salinity and other water quality characteristics in the groundwater SDL resource unit. (3) If the outcome of the requirement in subsection (1) is that such rules are necessary, the water resource plan must include those rules.	
chapter 9	9.27(b)	9.27 Description of how requirements have been met A water resource plan must: (a) describe what was done to comply with the requirements in this Part; and (b) if a risk of a kind referred to in subsection 9.45(2) has been identified in relation to the water resources of the water resource plan area - explain why rules addressing the risk have or have not been included in the plan.	9.22	9.22 Description of how requirements have been met A water resource plan must: (a) describe what was done to comply with the requirements in this Part; and (b) if a risk of a kind referred to in subsection 9.41(1) has been identified in relation to the water resources of the water resource plan area - explain why rules addressing the risk have or have not been included in the plan.	This provision has been amended in response to feedback from stakeholders pointing out the need to correct the referencing in provision (b) to a more appropriate risks clause.
chapter 9	9.28	9.28 Listing classes of interception activity(1) A water resource plan must specify whether there are any classes of interception activity in the water resource plan area which have, or have the potential to have, a significant impact on:(a) the water resources of the water resource plan area; or (b) water resources which are hydrologically connected to the water resources of the water resource plan area;whether on an activity-by-activity basis, or cumulatively.(2) If there are any such classes of interception activity, the water resource plan must list those classes.(3) Without limiting subsection (2), if there are any of the following activities in the water resource plan area, the water	9.23	9.23 Listing types of interception activity(1) A water resource plan must, having regard to the risk identification and assessment conducted for section 9.41, specify whether there are any types of interception activity in the water resource plan area which have the potential to have, a significant impact on:(a) the water resources of the water resource plan area; or (b) water resources which are hydrologically connected to the water resources of the water resource plan area;whether on an activity-by-activity basis, or cumulatively.(2) If there are any such types of interception activity, the water resource plan must list those types.(3) For the purpose of determining whether a type of interception activity is of	This provision has been amended to link Part 5 more directly to Part 9, with regards to listing risks, and to make it clear that the main objective of the provisions is to deal with potential effects of, or changes in, interception activities not already being managed as part of the diversion limit.

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		resource plan must list them as classes of interception activity which have, or have the potential to have, a significant impact on the water resources of the water resource plan area:(a) interception by a runoff dam; (b) interception by a commercial plantation; (c) interception by a mining activity, including coal seam gas mining;(d) interception by floodplain harvesting.(4) For the purpose of determining whether a class of interception activity is of the kind referred to in subsection (1), regard must be had to the following factors:(a) the location of particular activities of the class in the water resource plan area;(b) the impact of the class on the availability of:(i) the water resources of the water resource plan area; and(ii) water resources which are hydrologically connected to the water resources of the water resource plan area; (c) the projected growth of the class over the period for which the water resource plan will have effect.		the kind referred to in subsection (1), regard must be had to the following factors:(a) the location of particular activities of that type in the water resource plan area;(b) the impact of the type of activity on the availability of:(i) the water resources of the water resource plan area; and(ii) water resources which are hydrologically connected to the water resources of the water resource plan area; (c) the projected growth of the type of activity over the period for which the water resource plan will have effect.Note: The following are types of interception activity which may have the potential to have a significant impact on the water resources of a water resource plan area: (a) interception by runoff dams; (b) interception by commercial plantations; (c) interception by mining activities, including coal seam gas mining; (d) interception by floodplain harvesting.	
chapter 9	9.29	9.29 Monitoring impact of interception activities If a water resource plan includes a list of the kind referred to in subsection 9.28(2), the water resource plan must set out, in respect of each class of interception activity listed, a process for monitoring the impact of that class on: (a) the water resources of the water resource plan area; and (b) water resources which are hydrologically connected to the water resources of the water resource plan area.	9.24	9.24 Monitoring impact of interception activities If a water resource plan includes a list of the kind referred to in subsection 9.23(2), plan must set out, in respect of each type of interception activity listed, a process for monitoring the impact of that type of activity on: (a) the water resources of the water resource plan area; and (b) water resources which are hydrologically connected to the water resources of the water resource plan area.	This provision has been amended in response to feedback from stakeholders to remove use of the term 'class' to avoid confusion regarding its accepted use in relation to other forms of take.
chapter 9	9.30.	9.30 Actions to be taken A water resource plan must identify actions that will be taken in the event that monitoring under section 9.29 shows that: (a) an impact of a class of interception activity has a	9.25	9.25 Actions to be taken (1) A water resource plan must identify actions that will be taken in the event that monitoring under section 9.24 shows that: (a) an impact of a type of interception activity	This provision has been amended in response to feedback from stakeholders and in accordance with changes being made to several other provisions in Chapter 9. 9.25(2) now makes it clear that action only

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		<p>significant impact on an environmental watering requirement; or</p> <p>(b) an impact of several classes together has a significant impact on an environmental watering requirement; or</p> <p>(c) there is an increase in the quantity of water being intercepted by a class; after the commencement of the water resource plan.</p> <p>Note 1: This section provides a mechanism to address unanticipated effects of, or changes in, interception activity.</p> <p>Note 2: Section 9.18 sets out the circumstances in which a water resource plan may allow for an increase in anticipated take by an interception activity.</p>		<p>compromises the meeting of an environmental watering requirement; or</p> <p>(b) an impact of several types of activity together compromises the meeting of an environmental watering requirement; or</p> <p>(c) there is an increase in the quantity of water being intercepted by a type of activity; after the commencement of the water resource plan.</p> <p>(2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the relevant outcome in paragraph (1)(a), (b) or (c) is accounted for by the method in subsection 9.10(1).</p> <p>Note 1: This section provides a mechanism to address unanticipated effects of, or changes in, interception activity.</p> <p>Note 2: Section 9.13 sets out the circumstances in which a water resource plan may allow for an increase in anticipated take by an interception activity.</p>	needs to be taken for take not addressed in Part 3 of the Chapter.
chapter 9	9.31	<p>9.29 Planning for environmental watering(1) A water resource plan must provide for environmental watering to occur in a way that is consistent with the environmental watering plan and contributes to the achievement of the objectives in Part 2 of Chapter 7.(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the water resource plan must be prepared having regard to:(a) the most recent version of the long-term watering plan prepared in accordance with the requirements of Division 1 of Part 4 of Chapter 7; and(b) the views of local communities, including bodies established by a Basin State that express community views in relation to environmental watering.</p>	9.26	<p>9.26 Planning for environmental watering(1) A water resource plan must provide for environmental watering to occur in a way that: (a) is consistent with:(i) the environmental watering plan; and(ii) the Basin wide environmental watering strategy; and(b) contributes to the achievement of the objectives in Part 2 of Chapter 7.(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the water resource plan must be prepared having regard to:(a) the most recent version of the long-term watering plan prepared in accordance with the requirements of Division 3 of Part 4 of Chapter 7; and(b) the views of local communities, including bodies established by a Basin State that express community views in relation to environmental watering.</p>	This provision was amended to provide consistency with changes made to chapter 7, in particular the addition of a Basin-wide environmental watering strategy.
chapter 9	N/A	N/A	9.31	9.31 Measures addressing risks arising from water	This provision was added to improve consistency within

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				quality degradation If a risk of a kind mentioned in paragraph 9.42(2)(d) has been identified in relation to the water resources of the water resource plan area, the WQM Plan must explain why rules addressing the risk have or have not been included in the water resource plan.	Part 9 of this chapter.
chapter 9	9.35	9.35 WQM Plan to identify key causes of water quality degradation The WQM Plan must identify the causes, or likely causes, of water quality degradation in the water resource plan area having regard to the key causes of water quality degradation identified in Part 2 of Chapter 8.	9.30	9.30 WQM Plan to identify key causes of water quality degradation The WQM Plan must identify the causes, or likely causes, of water quality degradation in the water resource plan area having regard to the key causes of water quality degradation identified in Part 2 of Chapter 8 and set out in Schedule 8.	This provision was amended to provide reference to Schedule 8
chapter 9	9.36	9.36 WQM Plan to identify water quality target values (1) The WQM Plan must identify the water quality target values for the water resource plan area. (2) The water quality target values are the following: (a) for water-dependent ecosystems - the applicable target values referred to in Division 2 of Part 4 of Chapter 8; (b) for raw water for treatment for human consumption – the target values for water quality characteristics set out in Division 3 of Part 4 of Chapter 8; (c) for irrigation water – the target values for water quality characteristics set out in Division 4 of Part 4 of Chapter 8; (d) for water used for recreational purposes – the target values for water quality characteristics set out in Division 5 of Part 4 of Chapter 8; (e) for salinity - the End-of-Valley Targets referred to in subsection 8.16(2). (3) However, if the objectively determined actual value of a water quality characteristic at	9.32	9.32 WQM Plan to identify water quality target values (1) The WQM Plan must identify the water quality target values for the water resource plan area. (2) The water quality target values are the following: (a) for fresh water-dependent ecosystems - the applicable target values referred to in section 8.14; (b) for irrigation water – the target values for water quality characteristics set out in section 8.15; (c) for water used for recreational purposes – the target values for water quality characteristics set out in section 8.16. Note: The ADWG set out standards for the quality of raw water for treatment for human consumption. (3) However, if the objectively determined actual value of a water quality characteristic at a site is better than the target value identified in subsection (2), then the target value is that better value. Note: See the objective in section 8.08. (4) For a water quality target value other than a target value that applies to a	This provision was amended to reflect changes to chapter 8 and maintain consistency within the Basin Plan as a whole.

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		<p>a site is better than the target value identified in subsection (2), then the target value is that better value.</p> <p>(4) For a water quality target value other than:</p> <p>(a) a target value that applies to a declared Ramsar wetland under subsection 8.12(2); or</p> <p>(b) an End-of-Valley Target referred to in subsection 8.16(2);</p> <p>the WQM Plan may specify an alternative water quality target value if:</p> <p>(c) it is consistent with the water quality objectives in Part 3 of Chapter 8; and</p> <p>(d) for a declared Ramsar wetland – the target value is consistent with the ecological character description for that wetland; and</p> <p>(e) it is determined in accordance with the procedures set out in the ANZECC Guidelines; and</p>		<p>declared Ramsar wetland under section 8.14, the WQM Plan may specify an alternative water quality target value if:</p> <p>(a) it is consistent with the water quality objectives in Part 3 of Chapter 8; and</p> <p>(b) it is determined in accordance with the procedures set out in the ANZECC Guidelines; and</p>	
chapter 9	9.37	<p>9.37 WQM Plan to identify measures (1) The WQM Plan must specify measures to be undertaken in or in relation to the water resources of the water resource plan area that contribute to the achievement of the water quality objectives in Part 3 of Chapter 8.(2) The measures must be prepared having regard to:(a) the causes of water quality degradation identified in accordance with section 9.35; and(b) target values identified in accordance with section 9.36.(3) The measures may include matters relating to land management.Note: See also subsections 22(9) to (12) of the Act.</p>	9.33	<p>9.33 WQM Plan to identify measures (1) The WQM Plan must specify measures to be undertaken in or in relation to the water resources of the water resource plan area that contribute to the achievement of the water quality objectives in Part 3 of Chapter 8.(2) The measures must be prepared having regard to:(a) the causes, or likely causes, of water quality degradation identified in accordance with section 9.30; and(b) target values identified in accordance with section 9.32; and(c) the targets in Division 4 of Part 4 of Chapter 8.(3) The measures may include land management measures.Note: See also subsections 22(9) to (12) of the Act.</p>	<p>This provision has been amended in response to concerns raised by stakeholders that the measures that contribute to the achievement of water quality objectives need to be clarified. The intent of this provision has not changed and it does not exclude land management measures should a state wish to include such measures.</p>
chapter 9	9.38	<p>9.38 WQM Plan to identify locations of certain targets The WQM Plan must identify the locations in the water resource plan area at which the target values for raw water for treatment for human consumption and</p>	9.34	<p>9.34 WQM Plan to identify locations of targets for irrigation water The WQM Plan must identify the locations in the water resource plan area at which the target values for irrigation water apply.</p>	<p>This provision was amended to reflect changes to chapter 8 and maintain consistency within the Basin Plan as a whole.</p>

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		irrigation water apply.			
chapter 9	9.41	<p>9.41 Circumstances in which conditions in section 11.23 are met</p> <p>(1) A water resource plan must set out the circumstances in which trade between 2 locations within a groundwater SDL resource unit is permitted. In setting out the circumstances, a water resource plan must ensure that each condition set out in section 11.23 will be met in relation to the proposed trade.</p> <p>(2) If the water resource plan applies a conversion rate to meet the condition in paragraph 11.23(d), the water resource plan must specify the conversion rate.</p>	9.37	<p>9.37 Circumstances in which conditions in section 11.24 are met</p> <p>(1) A water resource plan must set out the circumstances in which trade between 2 locations within a groundwater SDL resource unit is permitted. In setting out the circumstances, a water resource plan must ensure that each condition set out in section 11.24 will be met in relation to the proposed trade.</p> <p>(2) If the water resource plan applies a conversion rate to meet the condition in paragraph 11.24(d), the water resource plan must either:</p> <p>(a) specify the conversion rate; or</p> <p>(b) set out the way in which the conversion rate will be determined from time to time and made generally available.</p>	This provision has been amended in response to concerns raised by stakeholders that there was a need for greater flexibility because conversion rates may change over the period. This has been provided by including a method for determining the conversion rate, rather than just stating the rate. Transparency has also been maintained by specifying that the method for determining the conversion rate will be made publically available.
chapter 9	9.42	<p>9.42 Circumstances in which conditions in section 11.24 are met</p> <p>(1) A water resource plan must set out the circumstances in which trade between 2 groundwater SDL resource units is permitted. In setting out the circumstances, a water resource plan must ensure that each condition set out in section 11.24 will be met in relation to proposed trade.</p> <p>(2) If the water resource plan applies a conversion rate to meet the condition in paragraph 11.24(e), the water resource plan must specify the conversion rate.</p>	9.38	<p>9.38 Circumstances in which conditions in section 11.25 are met</p> <p>(1) A water resource plan must set out the circumstances in which trade between 2 groundwater SDL resource units is permitted. In setting out the circumstances, a water resource plan must ensure that each condition set out in section 11.25 will be met in relation to proposed trade.</p> <p>(2) If the water resource plan applies a conversion rate to meet the condition in paragraph 11.25(e), the water resource plan must either:</p> <p>(a) specify the conversion rate; or</p> <p>(b) set out the way in which the conversion rate will be determined from time to time and made generally available.</p>	This provision has been amended in response to concerns raised by stakeholders that there was a need for greater flexibility because conversion rates may change over the period. This has been provided by including a method for determining the conversion rate, rather than just stating the rate. Transparency has also been maintained by specifying that the method for determining the conversion rate will be made publically available.
chapter 9	9.43	<p>9.43 Circumstances in which conditions in section 11.25 are met(1) A water resource plan must set out the circumstances in which trade between a groundwater SDL resource unit and a surface water SDL resource unit is</p>	9.39	<p>9.39 Circumstances in which conditions in section 11.26 are met(1) A water resource plan must set out the circumstances in which trade between a groundwater SDL resource unit and a surface water SDL resource unit is</p>	This provision has been amended in response to concerns raised by stakeholders that there was a need for greater flexibility because conversion rates may change over the period. This has been provided by

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		permitted. In setting out the circumstances, a water resource plan must ensure that each condition set out in section 11.25 will be met in relation to proposed trade.(2) If the water resource plan applies a conversion rate to meet the condition in paragraph 11.25(e), the water resource plan must specify the conversion rate.		permitted. In setting out the circumstances, a water resource plan must ensure that each condition set out in section 11.26 will be met in relation to proposed trade.(2) If the water resource plan applies a conversion rate to meet the condition in paragraph 11.26(e), the water resource plan must either:(a) specify the conversion rate; or(b) set out the way in which the conversion rate will be determined from time to time and made generally available.	including a method for determining the conversion rate, rather than just stating the rate. Transparency has also been maintained by specifying that the method for determining the conversion rate will be made publically available.
chapter 9	9.44	9.44 Definitions In this Part: risk factor means a factor described in a water resource plan in accordance with paragraph 9.46(b).			The definition for risk factor has been deleted as this term is no longer in use within the Basin Plan.
chapter 9	9.45(2)	9.45 Risk identification and assessment methodology (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the risks include (where applicable): (a) risks to environmental watering requirements; and (b) risks arising from the matters referred to in subsection 9.25(1); and (c) risks arising from salinity or contaminants.	9.41	9.41 Risk identification and assessment methodology (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the risks include (where applicable): (a) risks to the capacity to meet environmental watering requirements; and (b) risks arising from the matters referred to in subsection 9.20(1); and (c) risks arising from potential interception activities; (d) risks arising from elevated levels of salinity or other types of water quality degradation.	The provision (c) has been added and improvements to the clarity of provision (a) and (d) have been made. This has been done to improve consistency and clarity in this provision so that risks to water resources and water quality are dealt with cohesively.
chapter 9	9.46	9.46 Description of risks and risk factors A water resource plan must describe: (a) each risk which is defined in accordance with subsection 9.45(6) as having a medium or higher level of risk; and (b) risk factors that contribute to those risks.	9.42	9.42 Description of risks A water resource plan must describe: (a) each risk which is defined in accordance with subsection 9.41(6) as having a medium or higher level of risk; and (b) factors that contribute to those risks.	This provision has been amended to simplify the explanation about how risk assessment is to be undertaken. It is intended that planning for the management of water resources in a given area is based on a risk assessment approach to enable water resource plans to be fit-for-purpose. This change has been made in response to concerns raised by stakeholders and the states about the need for a cohesive and consistent approach to risk assessment.
chapter	9.46	9.46 Strategies for addressing	9.43	9.43 Strategies for addressing	This provision has been

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9		risks (1) If a water resource plan defines a risk in accordance with subsection 9.45(6) as having a medium or higher level of risk, the water resource plan must either: (a) describe a strategy for the management of the water resources of the water resource plan area that will address the risk; or (b) explain why the risk cannot be addressed by the water resource plan.		risks (1) If a water resource plan defines a risk in accordance with subsection 9.41(6) as having a medium or higher level of risk, the water resource plan must either: (a) describe a strategy for the management of the water resources of the water resource plan area to address the risk in a manner commensurate with the level of risk; or (b) explain why the risk cannot be addressed by the water resource plan in a manner commensurate with the level of risk.	amended to simplify the explanation about how risk assessment is to be undertaken. It is intended that planning for the management of water resources in a given area is based on a risk assessment approach to enable water resource plans to be fit-for-purpose. This change has been made in response to concerns raised by stakeholders and the states about the need for a cohesive and consistent approach to risk assessment.
chapter 9	9.49	9.49 Improving measuring	9.45	9.45 Supporting measuring	The title of this provision has been amended to improve clarity of intent, in response to feedback from stakeholders.
chapter 9	9.50.	9.50 Monitoring water resources A water resource plan must provide that any monitoring of the water resources of the water resource plan area must be undertaken in a way which is consistent with Chapter 12.	9.46	9.46 Monitoring water resources (1) A water resource plan must specify the monitoring of the water resources of the water resource plan area that will be done to enable the Basin State to fulfil its reporting obligations under section 12.14. (2) Nothing in this section limits the capacity of the Basin State to conduct other monitoring of the water resources of a water resource plan area.	This provision has been amended in response to feedback by stakeholders that highlighted the need to improve referencing of this provision and to make it more consistent with chapter 12 requirements.
chapter 9	9.56	9.56 Objectives and outcomes based on Indigenous values and uses (1) A water resource plan must identify: (a) the objectives of Indigenous people in relation to managing the water resources of the water resource plan area; and (b) the outcomes for the management of the water resources of the water resource plan area that are desired by Indigenous people. (2) In identifying the matters set out in subsection (1), regard must be had to: (a) the social, spiritual and cultural values of Indigenous people that relate to the	9.52	9.52 Objectives and outcomes based on Indigenous values and uses (1) A water resource plan must identify: (a) the objectives of Indigenous people in relation to managing the water resources of the water resource plan area; and (b) the outcomes for the management of the water resources of the water resource plan area that are desired by Indigenous people. (2) In identifying the matters set out in subsection (1), regard must be had to: (a) the social, spiritual and cultural values of Indigenous people that relate to the	This provision has been amended by moving part of subsection (3) to provision 9.53 and improving the clarity of the text in the remainder of the provision. These amendments have been made in response to feedback from stakeholders.

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		<p>water resources of the water resource plan area (Indigenous values); and (b) the social, spiritual and cultural uses of the water resources of the water resource plan area by Indigenous people (Indigenous uses); as determined through consultation with relevant Indigenous organisations, including the Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations and the Northern Murray-Darling Basin Aboriginal Nations, where appropriate.</p> <p>(3) The water resource plan must be prepared having regard to the desirability of minimising any risks to Indigenous values and Indigenous uses arising from the use and management of the water resources of the water resource plan area.</p> <p>(4) The water resource plan may identify opportunities to strengthen the protection of Indigenous values and Indigenous uses in accordance with the objectives and outcomes identified under subsection (1).</p>		<p>water resources of the water resource plan area (Indigenous values); and (b) the social, spiritual and cultural uses of the water resources of the water resource plan area by Indigenous people (Indigenous uses); as determined through consultation with relevant Indigenous organisations, including (where appropriate) the Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations and the Northern Murray-Darling Basin Aboriginal Nations.</p> <p>(3) The water resource plan may identify opportunities to strengthen the protection of Indigenous values and Indigenous uses in accordance with the objectives and outcomes identified under subsection (1).</p>	
chapter 9	9.57	<p>9.57 Consultation and preparation of water resource plan</p> <p>(1) A water resource plan must be prepared having regard to consultation undertaken co-operatively and in good faith with relevant Indigenous organisations with respect to the matters identified under section 9.56 and the following matters:</p> <p>(a) native title rights, native title claims and Indigenous Land Use Agreements provided for by the Native Title Act 1993 in relation to the water resources of the water resource plan area;</p> <p>(b) inclusion of Indigenous representation in the preparation and implementation of the plan,</p>	9.53	<p>9.53 Consultation and preparation of water resource plan</p> <p>(1) A water resource plan must be prepared having regard to the views of relevant Indigenous organisations with respect to the matters identified under section 9.52 and the following matters:</p> <p>(a) native title rights, native title claims and Indigenous Land Use Agreements provided for by the Native Title Act 1993 in relation to the water resources of the water resource plan area;</p> <p>(b) registered Aboriginal heritage relating to the water resources of the water resource plan area;</p> <p>(c) inclusion of Indigenous representation in the</p>	<p>This provision has been amended in response to concerns raised by stakeholders about the need to include a reference to Aboriginal heritage and its relation to water resource management. As noted for provision 9.52, the reference to how to manage risks to indigenous values and uses within water resource areas is now in this provision.</p>

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		<p>where possible;</p> <p>(c) Indigenous social, cultural, spiritual and customary objectives, and strategies for achieving these objectives where possible;</p> <p>(d) encouragement of active and informed participation of Indigenous people.</p> <p>Note: For examples of the principles that may be applied in relation to the participation of Indigenous people, see the document titled 'MLDRIN and NBAN Principles of Indigenous Engagement in the Murray-Darling Basin'.</p>		<p>preparation and implementation of the plan;</p> <p>(d) Indigenous social, cultural, spiritual and customary objectives, and strategies for achieving these objectives;</p> <p>(e) encouragement of active and informed participation of Indigenous people;</p> <p>(f) risks to Indigenous values and Indigenous uses arising from the use and management of the water resources of the water resource plan area.</p> <p>Note: For examples of the principles that may be applied in relation to the participation of Indigenous people, see the document titled 'MLDRIN and NBAN Principles of Indigenous Engagement in the Murray-Darling Basin'.</p> <p>(2) In this section, registered Aboriginal heritage means Aboriginal heritage registered or listed under a law of a Basin State or the Commonwealth that deals with the registration or listing of Aboriginal heritage (regardless of whether the law deals with the listing of other heritage).</p>	
chapter 10	10.02	<p>In this chapter:</p> <p>water accounting period means a period of 12 months beginning on 1 June of any year.</p>	10.02	<p>Additional definition:</p> <p>water quality characteristic means a water quality characteristic within the meaning of the SWDG, for which the AWDG sets out a health-related guideline value.</p>	A specific definition ensures no conflict with the definition used in chapter 1, with regards to chapter 8.
chapter 10	10.05(3)(a)	<p>(a) a water supply authority has taken raw water from the River Murray System, at any site that is upstream from Wellington, for the purpose of treatment and supply for human consumption; and</p>	N/A	<p>A water supply authority has taken raw water from the River Murray System, at any site at or upstream from Wellington, for the purpose of treatment and supply for human consumption.</p>	This section has been amended so that it is clear that the triggers for both salinity and water quality apply at Wellington, not just upstream of Wellington.
chapter 10	10.07(4)(c)	<p>(c) monitoring and forecasting of water quality in the River Murray System and communication between the Authority, Basin States and private providers of data about water quality; and</p>	10.08(1)(e)	<p>NB: this was also changed in the cross-reference in 10.07(2)</p>	This provision was moved from 10.07 to 10.08 because the clause was considered to be more relevant to inter-annual planning.
chapter 10	10.07 (4)	<p>new provision - original 10.07(4)(c) moved to 10.08(1)(e)</p>	10.07(4)(c)	<p>(c) the water quality and salinity trigger points under</p>	This subsection was created to emphasise that not reaching the water quality

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				section 10.05; and	and salinity triggers specified in section 10.05 is one of the key things to consider in managing the risks associated with inflow prediction.
chapter 10	10.08 (1) (a)	(a) the inflow predictions and other information mentioned in section 10.06; and	10.08 (1) (a)	(a) the reserves policy specified in Division 2 of Part 4; and NB: Subsequent sub-clause numbers were renumbered.	Clauses 10.07 and 10.08 were revised to improve clarity and reduce duplication. As part of this revision, sub-clause 10.08(1)(a) was amended to better express the difference in the consideration of the conveyance reserve with regards to inter-annual planning and inflow prediction.
chapter 10	10.09(4)	In deciding whether subsection (2) or subsection (3) applies, no account is to be taken of any advances or any remedial action undertaken in accordance with clause 10 of Schedule H to the Agreement.	10.09(4)	In deciding whether subsection (2) or subsection (3) applies, no advances under clause 102C of the Agreement are to be taken into account.	This provision was amended to reflect that Schedule H does not come into effect until after Tier 2 has been declared. As such only advances under section 102C could be in effect before Tier 2 is applied.
chapter 10	10.10(2)	(2) This subsection applies if: (a) the worst case planning water resource assessment indicates that: (i) the balance of the amount of conveyance water specified in section 10.04 can be supplied for the remainder of the current water accounting period; and (ii) the amount of conveyance water specified in subsection 10.12(2) can be set aside by the end of the current water accounting period; and (b) the Basin Officials Committee has not determined that an advance is required in the current water accounting period.	10.10(2)(a) and 10.10(2)(b)	This subsection applies if: (a) no measures taken under Tier 2 and 3 water sharing arrangements in Schedule H to the Agreement are in effect, and in particular: (i) any advances under clause 7 of that Schedule have been acquitted; and (ii) there is no plan of action in place under clause 8 of that Schedule; and (iii) there is no remedial action outstanding under clause 10 of the Schedule; and (b) the worst case planning water resource assessment indicates that: (i) the balance of the amount of conveyance water specified in section 10.04 can be supplied for the remainder of the current water accounting period; and (ii) the amount of water specified in subsection 10.12(2) can be set aside by the end of the current water accounting period; and (c) the Basin Officials Committee has not determined that an advance is required in the current water accounting period.	This subsection has been amended to provide clarity on what conditions need to be met when returning to Tier 1 water sharing arrangements.
chapter	10.10(3)		10.10(2)(moved to 10.10(2)(c)	The content of 10.10(3) has

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10		No allowance for the use of advances or remedial action (3) In determining whether paragraph (2)(a) applies, no account is to be taken of any use of advances or of any remedial action undertaken in accordance with clause 10 of Schedule H to the Agreement.	c)		been moved to 10.10(2)(c).
chapter 10	10.12 (1)	Note: The amount is based on the conveyance water amount set in section 10.04 and a minimum historical inflow of 980 GL. It may change if the Ministerial Council approves another amount	10.12(1)	Note: The amount is based on the conveyance water amount set in section 10.04 and a minimum historical inflow of 980 GL. The Authority may, under Subdivision F of Division 1 of Part 2 of the Act, prepare an amendment to this provision if the Ministerial Council approves another amount.	This note was included to make it clear that the amount could change if the supporting assumptions change. The note has been amended to make it clear that the Water Act process for amending the Basin Plan applies.
chapter 10	10.12 (2)	Note: The amount is based on hydrological modelling. It may change if the Ministerial Council approves another amount based on different models.	10.12 (2)	Note: The amount is based on hydrological modelling. The Authority may, under Subdivision F of Division 1 of Part 2 of the Act, prepare an amendment to this provision if the Ministerial Council approves another amount based on different models or modelling assumptions.	This note was included to make it clear that the amount may change over time. The note has been amended to make it clear that the Water Act process for amending the Basin Plan applies.
chapter 10	10.15 (2)(d)	(d) the worst case planning water resource assessment indicates that the amount of water specified in section 10.04 cannot be supplied by the end of the current water accounting period, taking into account the use of any remedial action undertaken in accordance with clause 10 of Schedule H to the Agreement.	10.15(2)(d)	The worst case planning water resource assessment indicates that the amount of water specified in section 10.04 cannot be supplied by the end of the current water accounting period, taking into account the use of advances under clause 102C of the Agreement and any remedial action undertaken in accordance with clause 10 of Schedule H to the Agreement	This clause has been amended to include references to advances under clause 102C of the Agreement, to better reflect the provisions in the Agreement as well as Schedule H.
chapter 10	10.15 (3)	(3) This subsection applies if, in circumstances of extreme and unprecedented poor water quality in the water available in the River Murray System to meet critical human water needs, a water quality trigger point specified in subsection 10.05(3) is reached.	10.15(3)	(3) This subsection applies if, in circumstances of extreme and unprecedented poor water quality in the water available in the River Murray System to meet critical human water needs, a water quality or salinity trigger point specified in subsection 10.05(2) or (3) is reached.	Consultation with the states lead us to reconsider our use of salinity triggers. It was agreed that including the salinity trigger in Tier 3 was a simpler approach. This change also further aligns chapter 10 with chapter 8 by making it more consistent with the definition for water quality.
chapter 10	10.16(4)(a)	(4) This subsection applies if: (a) raw water has been taken by a water supply authority in accordance with paragraph 10.05(3)(a); and	10.16(4)(a)	(4) This subsection applies if: (a) raw water has been taken by a water supply authority in accordance with paragraph 10.05(2)(a) and the level of	This subsection was amended to give effect to the change to 10.15(3)

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				salinity in that water is less than 840 mg/L of dissolved solids; and	
chapter 10	10.16(4)(b) and 10.16(4)(c)	(b) The levels of human health related water quality characteristic of the water make it practicable for the water supply authority to treat the water so that it meets the requirements of the ADWG; and (c) it is expected that it will remain practicable for the water supply authority to treat the water so that it meets the requirements of the ADWG.	10.16(4)(b)	(b) raw water has been taken by a water supply authority in accordance with paragraph 10.05(3)(a) and: (i) the levels of water quality characteristics of the water would make it practicable for the water supply authority to treat the water so that it meets the relevant guideline value set out in the ADWG; and (ii) it is expected that it would continue to be practicable to treat the water so that it meets the relevant guideline values set out in the ADWG.	This subsection was amended to support the change to 10.15(3)
chapter 11	Part 1 - Preliminary	Part has been amended for clarity	Part 1 - Preliminary	Part has been amended for clarity	Some provisions in this chapter have been amended because terms had been used inconsistently within the chapter or within the Basin Plan as a whole. Some sections have been revised for clarity or consistency with water market rules.
chapter 11	11.01	11.01 Simplified outline (2) This Chapter sets out the water trading rules (item 12 of the table in subsection 22(1) of the Act) which deal with the following: (b) information which must be provided by irrigation infrastructure operators in relation to water delivery rights and irrigation rights (Part 3);	11.01	11.01 Simplified outline (2) This Chapter sets out the water trading rules (item 12 of the table in subsection 22(1) of the Act) which deal with the following: (b) information which must be given by irrigation infrastructure operators in relation to water delivery rights and irrigation rights (Part 3);	This provision has been amended so that terminology is used consistently throughout the Basin Plan.
chapter 11	11.03	11.03 References to water delivery rights(1) In this Chapter, a reference to a water delivery right is a reference to a water delivery right with the following characteristics:(a) the right is held against an irrigation infrastructure operator; and(b) the delivery of water pursuant to the right requires the irrigation infrastructure operator to divert the water from a natural watercourse. (2) In this Chapter, a reference to the trade of a water delivery right includes a	11.03	11.03 Water delivery rights to which this Chapter applies(1) This Chapter applies to a water delivery right if:(a) the right is held against an irrigation infrastructure operator; and(b) the irrigation infrastructure operator is authorised to entitled to impose a fee for the termination or surrender of that right or services provided in relation to that right; and (c) the Water Charge (Termination Fees) Rules 2009 regulates any fee that might be imposed.Note: An	This provision has been amended so that references to water market rules are used consistently.

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		trade of part or all of the entitlement to delivery under a water delivery right.		irrigation infrastructure operator is required to calculate the termination fee in accordance with the Water Charge (Termination Fees) Rules 2009. These Rules also impose certain procedural requirements that must be met before a termination fee can be imposed. (2) In this Chapter, a reference to the trade of a water delivery right includes a trade, termination or surrender of part of all of the entitlement to delivery under a water delivery right.	
chapter 11	11.04	11.04 Reference to a trade between places A reference to the trade of a water access right to or between places (for example trading zones, locations, areas, resources or systems) is a reference to a trade which results in a change of location at which the water to which the right relates may be taken.	11.04	11.04 Reference to a trade to, from or between places In this Chapter, a reference to the trade of a water access right to, from or between places (for example trading zones, locations, areas, resources or systems) is a reference to a trade which results in a change of location at which the water to which the right relates may be taken.	This section title has been revised to better capture the scope of this chapter.
chapter 11	11.05	[Recovery of loss or damage list]	11.05	[Recovery of loss or damage list]	This list has been revised to be consistent with other changes made to chapter 11.
chapter 11	Division 1	Division 1—Trade of water access rights	Division 1	Trade of tradeable water rights	This division title has been revised to improve clarity and ensure consistent use of terms throughout the division, chapter and Basin Plan.
chapter 11	11.08(2)	(2) This section does not apply to a water access right that is a stock and domestic right.	11.08(2)	This section does not apply to a water access right that is: (a) a stock right; or (b) a domestic right; or (c) a stock and domestic right.	This section has been revised to improve clarity about different types of water access rights.
chapter 11	11.11 (2) (a)	11.11 Trade of water allocation which has been carried over (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if: (a) a carryover announcement is required before the water allocation is permitted to be taken or traded; and	11.11 (2) (a)	Trade of water allocation which has been carried over (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if: (a) a carryover announcement is required before the water allocation is permitted to be taken; and	This provision has been amended to improve clarity
chapter 11	11.14	11.14 Level of use of water access right A person may trade a water access right free of any restriction based on: (a) the historical level of use	11.14	Level of use of water access right (1) A person may trade a water access right free of any restriction based on: (a) the historical level of use	This provision has been revised- to clarify unregulated and groundwater sources where a trade also includes a change in location. It allows for reasonable adjustments to

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		of the water access right; or (b) an anticipated increase in the use of the water access right by the person to whom it is traded.		of the water access right; or (b) an anticipated increase in the use of the water access right. Note: Section 11.21 prohibits exchange rates being applied to trades within or between regulated systems. (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if: (a) the trade is between 2 places (whether or not ownership changes); and (b) there is a difference in the reliability or availability of water between the 2 places; and (c) the restriction is necessary in order to account for that difference.	the volume and / or extraction conditions of a right to account for reliability differences between the origin and destination.
chapter 11	11.15 (1) (b)	11.15 Free trade of surface water (1) A person may trade a water access right: (b) between different regulated systems; or	11.16 (1) (b)	Free trade of surface water (1) A person may trade a water access right: (b) between regulated systems; or	This provision has been amended to improve clarity
chapter 11	11.16 note	Note: See also section 11.24.	N/A	N/A provision deleted	The note related to this provision has been deleted as the cross-reference to section 11.24 is incorrect. There is no relationship to ground water regarding free trade of surface water.
chapter 11	11.17(c)	11.17 Restrictions allowable for physical or environmental reasons (1) A restriction of a type referred to in sections 11.15 or 11.16 may be necessary because of: (c) the need to avoid compromising environmental watering requirements;	11.18 (1) (c)	11.18 Restrictions allowable for physical or environmental reasons (1) A restriction of a type referred to in section 11.16 or section 11.17 may be necessary because of: (c) the need to protect the needs of the environment; or	This provision has been amended to ensure appropriate treatment of trade for environmental purposes.
chapter 11	11.18 (1)	11.18 Basin States to notify the Authority of restrictions (1) A Basin State must, within 30 days of the commencement of this Chapter, notify the Authority of any restriction of a kind referred to in sections 11.15 or 11.16 which is in effect at the commencement of this Chapter, and the reasons for the restriction.	11.19 (1)	11.19 Basin States to notify the Authority of restrictions (1) If a Basin State decides to impose a restriction of a kind referred to in section 11.16 or section 11.17, it must notify the Authority of the decision and the reasons for the decision. Note: See section 25D of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 for content required in a statement of reasons.	This provision has been amended to improve clarity and consistency throughout the section and division. The timeframe has been revised so that it is no later than the date of effect for the restriction.
chapter 11	11.18(2)	11.18 Basin States to notify the Authority of restrictions	11.19 (2)	11.19 Basin States to notify the Authority of restrictions	This provision has been amended to increase

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		(2) If a Basin State imposes a restriction of a kind referred to in sections 11.15 or 11.16 after the commencement of this Chapter, it must notify the Authority of the restriction and the reasons for the restriction as soon as practicable after the restriction is imposed.		(2) The notification must be given: (a) if the if the restriction was in effect at the commencement of this Chapter—within 30 days after that commencement; or (b) otherwise—no later than the date of effect of the restriction.	consistency of language across the chapter.
chapter 11	11.19	11.19 Basin State may request Authority to make declaration(1) If:(a) a Basin State requests the Authority to declare that a restriction of a kind referred to in sections 11.15 or 11.16 is necessary because of a reason listed in subsection 11.17(1); and(b) the Authority is satisfied that the restriction is in fact necessary because of a reason listed in subsection 11.17(1);the Authority must make the declaration.(2) The Authority may consult other Basin States and the ACCC before making the declaration.(3) The Authority must publish the declaration on its website.	11.20	11.20 Basin State may request Authority to make declaration(1) The Authority must make a written declaration that a restriction of a kind referred to in section 11.16 or section 11.17 is necessary because of a reason listed in subsection 11.18(1) if:(a) a Basin State requests the Authority to make that declaration; and (b)the Authority is satisfied that the restriction is in fact necessary because of a reason listed in subsection 11.18(1). (2) The Authority may consult other Basin States, the ACCC, and any other interested parties before making the declaration.(3) The Authority must publish the declaration, and its reasons for being satisfied that the restriction is necessary, on its website.Note: See section 25D of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 for content required in a statement of reasons.	Section has been amended to ensure consistent wording with subsection 11.23 (3) 'The declaration must be in writing and must be published on the Authority's website'. Timing of requirement has been altered so that notice must be provided no later than the date of the restriction taking effect.
chapter 11	11.21(2)	11.21 Authority may permit exchange rates in limited circumstances(2) The Authority may make a declaration permitting the application of a specified exchange rate to trades between 2 specified locations under this section if it is satisfied that:(a) the purpose of the exchange rate is to redress the impact of previous exchange rate trades from location B to location A; and(b) the total volume of water access entitlements to be traded from location A to location B using the exchange rate would not exceed the total volume of water access	11.22 (3)	11.22 Authority may permit exchange rates in limited circumstances (3) The Authority must make a written declaration permitting the application of a specified exchange rate to trades between 2 specified locations if:(a) a Basin State requests the Authority to make that declaration; and(b) the Authority is satisfied that:(i) the purpose of the exchange rate is to redress the impact of previous exchange rate trades from location B to location A; and(ii) the total volume of water access entitlements to be traded from location A to	This provision has been amended to improve clarity and consistency throughout the section and division.

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		entitlements previously traded to location A from location B using exchange rates.		location B using the exchange rate would not exceed the total volume of water access entitlements previously traded to location A from location B using exchange rates.	
chapter 11	11.21 (3)	11.21 Authority may permit exchange rates in limited circumstances (3) The declaration must be in writing and must be published on the Authority's website.	11.22 (4)	11.23 Authority may permit exchange rates in limited circumstances (4) The Authority must publish the declaration on its website.	This provision has been amended to improve clarity
chapter 11	11.22 & 11.23	11.21 Authority may permit exchange rates in limited circumstances (1) Section 11.20 does not apply if: (a) the exchange rate is applied as a condition of the trade of a water access entitlement from one location (location A) to another (location B); and (b) the Authority has made a declaration under this section; and (c) the water access entitlement is to be traded between the 2 locations at the exchange rate specified in the declaration. (2) The Authority may make a declaration permitting the application of a specified exchange rate to trades between 2 specified locations under this section if it is satisfied that: (a) the purpose of the exchange rate is to redress the impact of previous exchange rate trades from location B to location A; and (b) the total volume of water access entitlements to be traded from location A to location B using the exchange rate would not exceed the total volume of water access entitlements previously traded to location A from location B using exchange rates. (3) The declaration must be in writing and must be published on the Authority's website.	11.22	11.22 Authority may permit exchange rates in limited circumstances (1) Section 11.21 does not apply if: (a) the exchange rate is applied as a condition of the trade of a water access entitlement from one location (location A) to another (location B); and (b) the Authority has made a declaration under this section; and (c) the water access entitlement is to be traded between the 2 locations at the exchange rate specified in the declaration. (2) A Basin State may request the Authority to make a declaration under this section. (3) The Authority must make a written declaration permitting the application of a specified exchange rate to trades between 2 specified locations if: (a) the Authority is satisfied that the purpose of the exchange rate is to address transmission losses; or (b) the Authority is satisfied that: (i) the purpose of the exchange rate is to redress the impact of previous exchange rate trades from location B to location A; and (ii) the total volume of water access entitlements to be traded from location A to location B using the exchange rate would not exceed the total volume of water access	This provision has been amended to clarify the use of exchange rates to address transmission losses

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				entitlements previously traded to location A from location B using exchange rates. (4) The Authority must publish the declaration on its website.	
chapter 11	11.22 (6)	(5) In this section: tagged water access entitlement means a water access entitlement: (a) which is registered on a water register in relation to one trading zone; and (b) under which the water allocation is extracted in a different trading zone (which is tagged on the register); pursuant to an arrangement for water access entitlement tagging. (6) If trading zones are not in place, a reference in this section to a trading zone is taken to be a reference to a location.	11.23(5)	(5) In this section: tagged water access entitlement means a water access entitlement: (a) which is registered on a water register in relation to one place; and (b) under which the water allocation is extracted in a different place (which is tagged on the register); pursuant to an arrangement for water access entitlement tagging.	This section has been revised to improve consistency of language throughout the chapter and Basin Plan. Subsection 6 has been integrated into subsection 5 to improve clarity, as the rule should apply to any situation where a restriction on trade is in place. Reference to the term 'trading zone' has been removed because it has a particular meaning which is not accurate for use in this provision.
chapter 11	11.26	Subdivision D—Miscellaneous 11.26 Restrictions allowable for breaches of State water management law Nothing in this Division is to be taken to have the effect that a person may trade a water access right free of a restriction imposed under State water management law because the person has:	11.27	Subdivision D—Miscellaneous 11.27 Restrictions allowable for breaches of State water management law Nothing in this Chapter is to be taken to have the effect that a person may trade a water access right free of a restriction imposed under State water management law because the person has:	This provision has been amended to improve clarity
chapter 11	Division 2	Division 2—Trade of water delivery rights held against irrigation infrastructure operators	Division 2	Division 2—Trade of water delivery rights	This division title has been revised to improve clarity and to include all holders of water delivery rights.
chapter 11	11.27	11.27 No unreasonable restriction of trade of water delivery rights (1) An irrigation infrastructure operator must not unreasonably restrict the trade of a water delivery right between persons who own or occupy land in the area serviced by the irrigation infrastructure operator's irrigation network. (2) Without limiting subsection (1), an irrigation infrastructure operator is taken to restrict trade if it refuses, prevents, deters or delays trade.	11.28	11.28 No unreasonable restriction of trade of water delivery rights An irrigation infrastructure operator must not unreasonably restrict the trade of a water delivery right.	This provision has been amended to improve clarity
chapter	11.28	11.28 When restriction of	11.29	11.29 When restriction on	The title of this provision has

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11		trade is unreasonable		trade is reasonable.	been amended to improve clarity
chapter 11	11.28(1)(g)	(g) the existence of necessary administrative arrangements needed to assess and give effect to a trade in water delivery rights.	11.29 (g) (h) (i)	(g) the net costs to the irrigation infrastructure operator of assessing and giving effect to the trade of a water delivery right;(h) the provision of reasonable security to the irrigation infrastructure operator for the payment of fees or charges for access to the operator's irrigation network by the person acquiring the water delivery right;(i) whether the proposed trade would result in the water delivery right being held by a person who does not own or occupy land in the area serviced by the irrigation infrastructure operator.	This provision has been amended in response to requests from stakeholders made during consultation. Stakeholders indicated they would like this subsection expanded to include additional elements.
chapter 11	11.29	11.29 Irrigation infrastructure operator must give reasons for refusing trade of water delivery right (1) If an irrigation infrastructure operator refuses the trade of a water delivery right between persons who own or occupy land in the area serviced by the irrigation infrastructure operator's irrigation network, the irrigation infrastructure operator must give written reasons for its decision to both persons. (2) The irrigation infrastructure operator must provide the written reasons as soon as practicable, but in any case within 30 days after the refusal.	11.30.	11.30 Irrigation infrastructure operator must give reasons for restricting trade of water delivery right (1) If an irrigation infrastructure operator decides to restrict the trade of a water delivery right within its irrigation network, it must notify each party to the trade in writing of the decision and the reasons for the decision. Note: See section 25D of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 for content required in a statement of reasons. (2) The notification must be given as soon as practicable, but in any case within 30 days, after the decision is made.	This provision has been amended to ensure consistency of language across the chapter, to maintain accuracy of reference to other sections, and to include all holders of water delivery rights.
chapter 11	11.30	Division 2—Trade of water delivery rights held against irrigation infrastructure operators 11.30 Trade must not be made conditional on water delivery right An irrigation infrastructure operator must not require a person to hold, buy, sell, obtain, accept, terminate or vary the volume or unit share of a water delivery right:(a) as a condition of; or(b) as the result of;the trade of a water access right or irrigation right.	11.15	Division 1—Trade of tradeable water rights Subdivision A—All water resources—right to trade free of certain restrictions 11.15 Trade must not be made conditional on water delivery right A person may trade a water access right or an irrigation right free of any condition that would require the person to hold, buy, sell, obtain, accept, terminate, or vary the volume or unit share of, a water delivery right.	This provision has been moved from Division 2, as it is more appropriately located in Part 1. The language has been revised to improve clarity and consistency throughout the section and division.
chapter	11.32	11.32 Obligation on irrigation	11.32	11.32 Obligation on irrigation	This provision has been

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11		infrastructure operator to specify water delivery rights and give notice (1) An irrigation infrastructure operator must, for each person who holds a water delivery right against that irrigation infrastructure operator, make a decision as to:		infrastructure operator to specify water delivery rights and give notice (1) An irrigation infrastructure operator must, for each person holding a water delivery right against it, decide:	revised to ensure that explicit reference is made to rights not being notified again under this section if notification has already occurred under the water market rules.
chapter 11	11.32 (3)	(3) The irrigation infrastructure operator must provide written notice to the person of the terms and conditions of the contract between the irrigation infrastructure operator and the person which are applicable to the water delivery right.	11.32 (3)	(3) The notification must be given within 30 days after the commencement of this Chapter.	This provision has been amended to improve clarity
chapter 11	11.32 (4)	(4) The notices referred to in subsections (2) and (3) must be provided within 30 days after the commencement of this Chapter.	11.32 (4)	(4) An irrigation infrastructure operator does not need to notify a person of a matter in accordance with this section if: (a) it has notified the person of the matter before commencement of this Chapter; and (b) the notice is accurate at the commencement of this Chapter.	This provision has been amended to improve clarity
chapter 11	11.33 (1)	11.34 Obligation on irrigation infrastructure operator to give notice if water delivery right is changed(1) If a person's volume or unit share of water delivery right changes as a result of a decision by the irrigation infrastructure operator, the irrigation infrastructure operator must provide written notice to the person of: (a) the change to the volume or unit share; and (b) the reasons for the change to the volume or unit share; as soon as practicable, but in any case within 30 days after the change. Note: See section 25D of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 for content required in a statement of reasons.	11.33 (1)	11.33 Obligation on irrigation infrastructure operator to give notice if water delivery right is changed (1) If an irrigation infrastructure operator decides to change a person's volume or unit share of water delivery right, it must notify the person in writing of the decision and the reasons for the decision. Note: See section 25D of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 for content required in a statement of reasons.	This provision has been amended to improve clarity
chapter 11	11.34	11.34 Obligation on irrigation infrastructure operator to specify irrigation rights and give notice(1) An irrigation	11.34	11.34 Obligation on irrigation infrastructure operator to specify irrigation rights and give notice(1) An irrigation	This section has been restructured to improve clarity. Some parts have been amended to ensure that

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		<p>infrastructure operator must, for each person who holds an irrigation right against that irrigation infrastructure operator, make a decision in relation to the person's entitlement to water under their irrigation right, expressed as either:(a) a number of megalitres; or(b) a unit share of the irrigation infrastructure operator's water access entitlement.(2) An irrigation infrastructure operator must provide written notice to the person of:(a) the decision; and(b) the reasons for the decision;within 30 days after the commencement of this Chapter.Note: See section 25D of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 for content required in a statement of reasons.(3) This section does not apply if:(a) an irrigation infrastructure operator has given such notice to each person who holds an irrigation right against that irrigation infrastructure operator before the commencement of this Chapter; and(b) the notice is accurate at the commencement of this Chapter.</p>		<p>infrastructure operator must, for each person who holds an irrigation right against it, decide the person's entitlement to water under their irrigation right. (2) The entitlement must be expressed as either: (a) a number of megalitres; or(b) a unit share of the irrigation infrastructure operator's water access entitlement. (3)The irrigation infrastructure operator must notify the person in writing of the decision and the reasons for the decision. Note: See section 25D of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 for content required in a statement of reasons.(4) The notification must be given within 30 days after the commencement of this Chapter.(5) An irrigation infrastructure operator does not need to notify a person of a matter in accordance with this section if:(a) it has notified the person of the matter before the commencement of this Chapter; and(b) the notice is accurate at the commencement of this Chapter.</p>	<p>explicit reference is made to rights not being notified again under this section if notification has already occurred under the water market rules.</p>
chapter 11	11.35	<p>11.35 Obligation on irrigation infrastructure operator to give notice if irrigation right is changed (1) If a person's entitlement to water under an irrigation right changes as a result of a decision by the irrigation infrastructure operator, the irrigation infrastructure operator must provide written notice to the person of: (a) the change to the entitlement; and (b) the reasons for the change to the entitlement; as soon as practicable, but in any case within 30 days after the change. Note: See section 25D of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 for content required in a</p>	11.35	<p>11.35 Obligation on irrigation infrastructure operator to give notice if irrigation right is changed (1) If an irrigation infrastructure operator decides to change a person's entitlement to water under an irrigation right, it must notify the person in writing of the decision and the reasons for the decision. Note: See section 25D of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 for content required in a statement of reasons. (2) The notification must be given as soon as practicable, but in any case within 30 days, after the decision is made. (3) An irrigation infrastructure operator does not need to</p>	<p>This provision has been amended to improve clarity</p>

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		statement of reasons. (2) This section does not apply if the person's entitlement to water under an irrigation right changes to reflect a trade or transformation by the person.		notify a person of a matter in accordance with this section if the person's entitlement to water under an irrigation right changes only to reflect a trade or transformation by the person.	
chapter 11	11.38	11.38 Approval authority must disclose if it has been a party to a trade If: (a) an approval authority has approved the trade of a water access right; and (b) the approval authority, or a related party, was a party to the trade (for example, a buyer, seller, lessee or lessor); the approval authority must publish those facts (including details of the type of water access right and volume) on its website as soon as practicable after the trade has been approved.	11.38	11.38 Approval authority must disclose if it has been a party to a trade (1) This section applies if: (a) an approval authority has approved the trade of a water access right; and (b) the approval authority, or a related party, was a party to the trade. (2) The approval authority must publish the following information on its website as soon as practicable after the trade has been approved: (a) the facts referred to in subsection (1); (b) the type of water access right; (c) the volume of the water access right traded; (d) the number of days elapsed between lodgement and approval; (e) the price of the trade.	This provision has been amended to increase precision about what elements to include.
chapter 11	11.39	11.39 Approval authority to give reasons for rejecting trade If an approval authority has rejected a proposed trade of a water access right, the approval authority must notify the parties to the proposed trade in writing of its reasons for rejecting the trade as soon as practicable, but in any case within 30 days of the rejection. Note: See section 25D of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 for content required in a statement of reasons.	11.39	11.39 Approval authority to give reasons for restricting trade (1) If an approval authority (the restricting authority) decides to restrict a proposed trade of a water access right, it must, subject to subsection (2), give notice of the decision and the reasons for the decision to each party. (2) If a party to the proposed trade is an interstate party, the approval authority may instead give the notice to the interstate authority, together with a request that it notify the interstate party on behalf of the restricting authority. (3) The restricting authority must give the notice as soon as practicable, and in any case within 30 days after the decision. (4) The interstate authority must comply with a request under subsection (2) as soon as practicable. (5) For this section, if a proposed	This provision has been amended in response to feedback from stakeholders. The intent of this provision remains unchanged but the wording has been revised to ensure that this provision is not unduly burdensome on Basin States.

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				trade involves a trade of water rights between the State of the restricting authority and another State:(a) the approval authority in the other State is the interstate authority; and(b) a party who acts through the interstate authority is an interstate party.	
chapter 11	11.40(2)	11.40 Object of this Part (2) The Authority must publish information provided to it under this Part.	11.41	11.41 Authority to publish information it is given under this Part The Authority must publish information it is given under this Part.	This provision has been separated out from 11.40(2) and into its own section at 11.41.
chapter 11	11.41	11.41 Application of this Division In this Division, water access right does not include water allocation.	11.42	11.42 Water access rights to which this Division applies In this Division, water access right does not include water allocation.	This provision has been amended to improve clarity
chapter 11	11.42	11.42 Information about water access rights to be made available (2) The information must be provided in the form prescribed by the Authority from time to time.	11.43	11.43 Information about water access rights to be made available (2) The information must be given to the Authority: (a) in the form determined by the Authority from time to time; and (b) within the time periods determined by the Authority from time to time.	This provision has been amended to improve clarity and the timing changed to be no later than the date of effect.
chapter 11	11.43	11.43 Types of information about water access rights The information the Authority may require in the form prescribed under subsection 11.42(2), in relation to a class of water access right, is information relating to the following:	11.44	11.44 Types of information about water access rights The information the Authority may require in the form determined under subsection 11.43(2), in relation to a class of water access right, is information relating to the following:	This provision has been amended to improve clarity
chapter 11	N/A	N/A new provision	11.45	11.45 Interpretation In this Division: central information point means a point determined by the Authority to receive copies of trading rules.	This provision has been amended to improve clarity
chapter 11	N/A	N/A new provision	11.47(1) (2)	11.47 Irrigation infrastructure operator must make trading rules available (1) If an irrigation infrastructure operator has rules that govern the trade of tradeable water rights within, into, or out of, the irrigation infrastructure operator's irrigation network, it must document those rules.	This section has been redrafted as a result of consideration of stakeholder's feedback and extensive consultation.

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				(2) Subsection (1) does not require an irrigation infrastructure operator to document rules that relate to administrative procedures (for example, the payment of fees, the completion of forms, or information that must be supplied by a person applying for a trade).	
chapter 11	11.45(1)(2)	11.45 An irrigation infrastructure operator must provide trading rules(1) If a person requests a copy of the rules made by an irrigation infrastructure operator which govern the trade of tradeable water rights within, into, or out of the irrigation infrastructure operator's irrigation network, the irrigation infrastructure operator must provide a copy of the rules to the person within a reasonable time.(2) If the irrigation infrastructure operator has a website, it must also publish the rules on the website: (a) within 7 days after the commencement of this Chapter; and(b) if the rules change - as soon as practicable, but in any case within 30 days of the change.	11.47(3)(4)	11.47 Irrigation infrastructure operator must make trading rules available(3) If a person requests a copy of an irrigation infrastructure operator's rules, the irrigation infrastructure operator must give a copy of the rules it has documented to that person within a reasonable time.(4) If the irrigation infrastructure operator has a website, it must publish the rules it has documented on the website:(a) within 7 days after the commencement of this Chapter; and(b) if the rules change—as soon as practicable, but in any case within 30 days of the change.	This section has been redrafted as a result of consideration of stakeholder's feedback and extensive consultation.
chapter 11	11.45(5)	11.45 An irrigation infrastructure operator must provide trading rules (3) If the irrigation infrastructure operator is one to whom rule 15 of the Water Charge (Infrastructure) Rules 2010 applies, it must also provide a copy of the rules to the central information point referred to in subsection 11.44(3): (a) within 7 days after the commencement of this Chapter; and (b) if the rules change - as soon as practicable, but in any case within 30 days of the change. Note: Rule 15(1) of the Water Charge (Infrastructure) Rules 2010 requires an infrastructure operator that meets the criteria in rule 15(2) to publish its schedule	11.47(5)(6)	11.47 Irrigation infrastructure operator must make trading rules available (5) If the irrigation infrastructure operator is one to whom rule 15 of the Water Charge (Infrastructure) Rules 2010 applies, it must also give a copy of the rules it has documented to the central information point: (a) within 7 days after the commencement of this Chapter; and (b) if the rules change—as soon as practicable, but in any case within 30 days of the change. Note: Rule 15(1) of the Water Charge (Infrastructure) Rules 2010 requires an infrastructure operator that meets the criteria in rule 15(2) to publish its schedule	This section has been redrafted as a result of consideration of stakeholder's feedback and extensive consultation.

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		of fees in a prescribed manner. (4) The rules must be provided in a consolidated form.		of fees in a prescribed manner. (6) The rules must be made available in such a manner that the current version of the rules is readily ascertainable and accessible.	
chapter 11	11.45(3)(4)	11.45 An irrigation infrastructure operator must provide trading rules (5) If the rules include material by way of a reference to another document: (a) the rules must explain how the referenced document relates to the rules; and (b) the referenced document must be publicly available online. Note: See section 4 of the Act for the meaning of irrigation infrastructure operator.	11.47(7)	11.47 Irrigation infrastructure operator must make trading rules available (7) If the rules include material by way of a reference to another document: (a) the rules must explain how the referenced document relates to the rules; and (b) the referenced document must be publicly available online. Note: See section 4 of the Act for the meaning of irrigation infrastructure operator.	This section has been redrafted as a result of consideration of stakeholder feedback and extensive consultation.
chapter 11	11.46	11.46 Price to be reported as a condition of approval of trade	11.48	11.48 Price of trade to be reported Note: See section 1.07 for the meaning of approval authority.	This note has been added to improve clarity
chapter 11	11.47	11.47 Meaning of water announcements and material effect(1) In this Division, water announcement means a public announcement of either of the following kinds:(a) an allocation announcement; or(b) an announcement of a policy decision that would have a material effect on the price or value of water access rights, including but not limited to:(i) changes to carryover conditions; or(ii) changes in the ability to trade between trading zones; or(iii) amendments to previous announcements.(2) An announcement of a policy decision is taken to have a material effect on the price or value of water access rights if the announcement would, or would be reasonably likely to, influence a person in deciding whether or not to acquire or dispose of such rights.	11.49	11.49 InterpretationIn this Division:material effect: a water announcement is taken to have a material effect on the price or value of water access rights if the announcement is reasonably likely to influence persons who commonly acquire water access rights in deciding whether or not to acquire or dispose of such rights.water announcement means a public announcement, by an agency of the Commonwealth or an agency of a Basin State, of any of the following kinds:(a) an allocation announcement;(b) a carryover announcement; (c) an announcement of a decision that, if made generally available, would have a material effect on the price or value of water access rights, including but not limited to:(i) announcement of a carryover arrangement or of changes to a carryover arrangement; or(ii) changes in the ability to trade between	This provision has been amended to improve clarity

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				trading zones; or(iii) amendments to previous announcements.	
chapter 11	11.48 (2)	11.48 Water announcements must be made generally available (2) For the purposes of this section and section 11.49, information is generally available if it has been published in a manner that would, or would be likely to, bring it to the attention of interested members of the public.	Chapter 1 Part 3 1.07	generally available: information is generally available if it has been published in a manner that will, or will be likely to, bring it to the attention of interested members of the public.	This provision has been amended to align with use of definition in chapter 9. The definition of generally available has been added to chapter 1.
chapter 11	11.49	11.49 Person not to trade if aware of water announcement before it is made generally available A person who is aware of a proposed water announcement, or is aware of a water announcement before it is made generally available, must not trade any water access right that is: (a) the subject of the water announcement; or (b) whose price or value would be materially affected by the water announcement; until the water announcement is made generally available.	11.51	11.51 Person not to trade if aware of water announcement before it is made generally available (1) This section applies to a person who is aware of: (a) a proposed water announcement; or (b) a water announcement before it is made generally available. (2) If the water announcement has not been made generally available, the person must not trade, or procure another person to trade, any water access right whose price or value would be materially affected by the water announcement.	This provision has been amended to increase transparency with respect to the scope of this clause
chapter 12	All	N/A	All	Chapter 12 has been restructured as follows:Part 1 – Preliminary (existing material from Part 1, rewritten to capture new structure and purpose)Part 2 – Principles to be applied (existing material from Part 2, noting new additions which have been outlined below)Part 3 - Basin Plan outcomes - (existing material from 12.04)Part 4 – Evaluation and Reviews - previously Part 6 with improvements in clarity and additions of reviews of water quality and salinity management plan targets, environmental watering plan from existing material from Part 5 and the SDLs Information to support	Chapter 12 was restructured as several stakeholders reported that the intent and logic of the chapter was not clear. The Chapter has now been revised in order to give greater prominence to evaluation and review needs as the driver for monitoring and reporting. In addition, the drafting has been refined to better reflect the linkages between Chapter 12 and adaptive management and review of the Basin Plan and its implementation. Further transparency is also provided on how the Authority will report on the condition of the Basin, as well as principles concerning roles and responsibilities, cost-effectiveness, utilising existing

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				evaluations and reviews (existing material from Part 6); evaluations and reviews to inform adaptive management (based on 12.15) and the addition of an Annual Audit program. Part 5 – Reporting requirements - previously Part 4 Part 6 – Public dissemination of information (new Part describing public information commitments by MDBA) Part 7 – Improving the monitoring capability in the Basin (new Part)	monitoring effort and publication and sharing of information.
chapter 12	12.01(2)(b)	(b) the following framework to be used to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Basin Plan: (ii) reporting requirements relating to those outcomes (Part 4); (iii) review processes for the environmental watering plan and the water quality targets in the water quality and salinity management plan (Part 5); (iv) the process for evaluating the Basin Plan, including the key evaluation questions that will inform evaluations (Part 6).	12.01(2)(b)	12.01 Simplified outline (b) the following framework to be used to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Basin Plan: (i) processes for reviewing and evaluating the Basin Plan, conducting audits, and assessing the condition of the Murray Darling Basin, contributing to adaptive management (Part 3); (ii) reporting requirements relating to the outcomes against which the effectiveness of the Basin Plan will be monitored and evaluated (Part 4); (iii) requirements for the publication of information (Part 5); (iv) provisions for improving monitoring, evaluation and reporting capabilities (Part 6).	Minor changes have been made to capture the new structure and purpose of chapter 12 and rewording of Schedule 10.
chapter 12	12.02(a)(b)	12.02 Purpose of this Chapter The purpose of this Chapter is to: (a) provide a framework for consistent reporting; and (b) inform reviews of the Basin Plan and its elements; and	N/A	N/A deleted	These provisions have been removed as they are now addressed by the new 12.01.
chapter 12	12.02(c)	(c) provide the principles and framework to evaluate the effectiveness of the Basin Plan against the objectives set out in Chapters 5, 7 and 8, which are represented by the outcomes listed in Schedule 10.	12.01(3)	(3) The effectiveness of the Basin Plan is to be evaluated against the objectives set out in Chapters 5, 7 and 8, which are represented by reference to the outcomes matters in Schedule 10.	Minor changes have been made to capture new structure and purpose of chapter 12
chapter 12	12.09	provision from 12.09 moved to 12.02	12.02	provision from 12.09 moved to 12.02	To improve clarity this provision was moved to the start of the chapter to ensure that it was clear that nothing

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					in the chapter requires personal information to be disclosed
chapter 12	Part 2—Principles to be applied	Whole part	Part 2—Principles to be applied	Whole part	<p>Chapter 12, Part 2 has been restructured in response to feedback from stakeholders and in consultations with the states. This provision has been amended by: - reordering the principles; - providing additional wording, such as cultural knowledge in Principle 7; - separation of the old Principle 8 into to principles 6 and 10 and the inclusion of Principle 11. This change is to generally improve clarity and transparency regarding MDBA's obligations. The addition of cultural knowledge in Principle 7 was to clarify that other forms of knowledge (not only scientific) would be used in the monitoring and evaluation program. The separation of the previous principle 8 into two principles was to further clarify that monitoring and evaluation in existing programs should be harnessed as an important component in evaluating the effectiveness of the Basin Plan. The inclusion of principle 11 reflected the addition of Part 6 outlining MDBA's obligation to publish information regarding monitoring the effectiveness of the Basin Plan.</p> <p>The separation of the previous principle 8 into two principles was to further clarify that monitoring and evaluation in existing programs should be harnessed as an important component in evaluating the effectiveness of the Basin Plan.</p> <p>The inclusion of principle 11 reflected the addition of Part 6 outlining MDBA's obligation to publish information regarding monitoring the effectiveness of the Basin Plan.</p>
chapter	12.03(2)	Principle 1	12.03(1)	(1) The Authority is	These provisions have been

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12		(2) Decisions should be made through an ongoing collaborative process between the Basin States and the Commonwealth, through their agencies. The collaborative process may result in agreements and guidelines that the Authority may publish and the Basin States and the Commonwealth may have reference to.		responsible for leading monitoring at the Basin scale, having regard to the desirability of: (a) collecting information in an efficient way; and (b) providing open access to information collected or used in, or generated by, monitoring; and (c) harnessing existing monitoring capabilities where possible, rather than creating new monitoring capabilities; and (d) building upon existing information and data supply arrangements where possible, rather than establishing new arrangements; and (e) using an adaptive approach to test and improve monitoring capabilities; and (f) eliminating duplication and fragmentation of monitoring processes where possible; and (g) there being no net reduction in existing monitoring efforts.	amended in response to feedback from stakeholders about the need to provide better clarity on roles and responsibilities of State and Commonwealth governments in relation to Chapter 12. Principle 1 was previously at s.12.03(2) moved to Principle 8 in s12.04(7) in Part 2. The new s.12.03(1) reflects new principles on the role of the MDBA in leading monitoring at the Basin scale, and collates a number of principles that were previously dispersed throughout the chapter.
chapter 12	N/A	N/A new provision	12.03(2)	Principle 2 (2) The Authority is responsible for leading all evaluations of the effectiveness of the Basin Plan, with Basin States, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and the Department enabling evaluations by collecting, analysing and reporting information (including data) in a fit for purpose manner.	These changes were made in response to feedback from stakeholders about the need to clarify the roles and responsibilities of State and Commonwealth governments in relation to Chapter 12.
chapter 12	12.03(1)	12.03 Principles to be applied in monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Basin Plan(1) The principles in this section must be applied by:(a) the Authority, when monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Basin Plan or conducting a review under Part 5; and(b) the Basin States, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and the Department, when monitoring and evaluating for the purpose of meeting the reporting requirements in Part 4.	12.04(1)	12.04 Other principles to be applied in monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Basin Plan(1) The principles in this section must be applied by:(a) the Authority, when monitoring the effectiveness of the Basin Plan and conducting evaluations and reviews under Part 3; and(b) the Basin States, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and the Department, when monitoring and evaluating for the purpose of meeting the	This provision has been moved as a result of the creation of new s.12.04 'Other principles to be applied in monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of Basin Plan'.

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				reporting requirements in Part 4.	
chapter 12	12.03(4)	Principle 3 (4) Basin States and the Commonwealth should report against outcomes in a manner which reflects the degree to which they are responsible for that outcome, and in a manner that avoids duplication.	12.04(2)	Principle 3 (2) Commonwealth agencies and Basin States should report against matters in a manner which reflects the degree to which they are responsible for those matters. Note: For example, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder is responsible for reporting on matters only to the extent that the matters relate to its responsibilities.	This provision has been amended to ensure consistency of drafting across Chapter 12. A note has been added to improve clarity about the intent of principle. Reference to 'duplication' removed as it duplicated intent of new Principle 10 at s.12.04(9).
chapter 12	12.03(8)	Principle 7 (8) Monitoring and evaluation findings should enable decision-makers to use adaptive management.	12.04(4)	Principle 5 (4) Monitoring and evaluation findings, including in respect of progress towards meeting targets and trends in the condition and availability of the Basin water resources, should enable decision-makers to use adaptive management.	This principle has been moved as a result of re-ordering of principles in this Part. Minor changes have been made to improve clarity on role of monitoring and evaluation findings in supporting adaptive management, in response to feedback from stakeholders.
chapter 12	12.03(9)	Principle 8 (9) Monitoring, evaluation and reporting should be timely, efficient, cost-effective, consistent and should supply the information needed for evaluation. Reporting requirements should build on existing programs that are consistent with these principles and should be aligned with other reporting requirements where possible.	12.04(5)	Principle 6 (5) Monitoring and evaluation should harness the monitoring capabilities of existing Basin State and Commonwealth programs (including jointly funded programs), provided that the programs are consistent with these principles, with a view to aligning and improving these programs over time.	The amendment to this provision arises from the separation of the old Principle 8 into to the new Principles 6 and 10. Minor changes have been made to the wording of the principle to improve clarity of the intent of the principle.
chapter 12	12.03(5)	Principle 4 (5) Best available scientific knowledge, evidence and analysis should be used where practicable to ensure credibility, transparency and usefulness of monitoring and evaluation findings.	12.04(6)	Principle 7 (6) The best available knowledge (including scientific, local and cultural knowledge), evidence and analysis should be used where practicable to ensure credibility, transparency and usefulness of monitoring and evaluation findings.	This principle has been moved as a result of the re-ordering of principles in this Part. The principle has been amended to include local and cultural forms of knowledge, in response to feedback from stakeholders seeking greater acknowledgement of the role of local and indigenous stakeholders in monitoring and evaluation.
chapter 12	12.03(9)	Principle 8 (9) Monitoring, evaluation and reporting should be timely, efficient, cost-effective, consistent and should supply the information needed for evaluation.	12.04(9)	Principle 10 (9) Monitoring, evaluation and reporting should be timely, efficient, cost-effective and consistent, and should supply the information needed for evaluation.	The amendment to this provision arises from the separation of the old Principle 8 into to new Principles 6 and 10.

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		Reporting requirements should build on existing programs that are consistent with these principles and should be aligned with other reporting requirements where possible.			
chapter 12	N/A	N/A new provision	12.04(10)	Principle 11 (10) To the extent possible, there should be open access to information collected or used in, or generated by, monitoring and evaluation.	This principle has been added to improve access to findings of monitoring and evaluation, as well as the underlying information. This change has been made in response to feedback from stakeholders highlighting the importance of monitoring and evaluation in supporting adaptive management
chapter 12	12.04	(1) The outcomes against which the effectiveness of the Basin Plan is to be measured are set out in Schedule 10.(2) The outcomes relate to:(a) the Basin Plan as a whole; and(b) each of the following elements of the Basin Plan:(i) the environmental watering plan;(ii) water quality and salinity management plan;(iii) the water trading rules;(iv) water resource planning.	12.05(2)	(2) The matters in Schedule 10 relate to:(a) the Basin Plan as a whole; and(b) each of the following elements of the Basin Plan:(i) the environmental watering plan;(ii) water quality and salinity;(iii) the water trading rules;(iv) water resource planning.Note: The matters in Schedule 10 represent, and are similar but not identical to, the objectives and outcomes set out in Chapters 5, 7 and 8.	This provision has been relocated as part of overall restructuring of content in Chapter 12. Minor changes have been made to wording arising from the change to the title of Schedule 10.A note has been added to improve clarity on the relationship between Schedule 10 and other chapters of the Basin Plan. This change has been made in response to feedback from stakeholders seeking greater clarity in this section.
chapter 12	Part 6 - Evaluation of the Basin Plan	Whole Part	Part 3 — Evaluations, reviews, audits and assessments	Whole part	Part 3 is now about evaluations, reviews, audits and assessments of the Basin Plan which was previously Part 6. General changes include rearranging existing provisions into distinct Divisions. This change includes the addition of two new Divisions and minor changes to provision wording, addition of notes and deletion of duplication to improve clarity. This change was made in response to feedback from the states to provide greater clarity and transparency regarding the purpose and ways the evaluations, review, audits and assessments are to be used in the monitoring and evaluation program.
chapter 12	12.05(1)	12.05 Reporting requirements for Basin States, the Department, etc (1) For each Basin Plan outcome listed in Schedule	12.14(1)	12.14 Reporting requirements for Basin States, the Department etc (1) For each matter listed in Schedule 10, each reporter	This provision has been amended to support changes to Schedule 10 and to ensure it is clear that reports may sometimes be in the form of

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		10, and for each year indicated for that outcome, the person listed as the reporter for the outcome must produce a report on the extent to which that outcome has been achieved, as at 1 July of that year.		listed for the matter must, for each reporting period and by the reporting day, produce a report (including data, if applicable) on the matter as at the end of the reporting period.	data.
chapter 12	12.05(2)(3)	(2) The report must be produced and (if not produced by the Authority) given to the Authority by 31 October of the year. (3) The Authority must publish a copy of each report on its website.	12.14(2)	(2) If the reporter is not the Authority, the reporter must, by the reporting day, give the report to the Authority. Note: The Authority is required to publish copies of all reports: see section 12.22.	This provision has been amended to support changes to Schedule 10 and the addition of definitions in new s.12.13. The previous subsection 12.05(3) has been converted into a note for consistency with similar changes in other parts of Chapter 12.
chapter 12	12.06(1)	12.06 Agreements in relation to reporting requirements(1) The Authority may enter into an agreement with a Basin State, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder or the Department, in relation to meeting the reporting requirements in section 12.05.(2) Without limiting subsection (1), an agreement may:(a) exempt a Basin State, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder or the Department from reporting on an outcome to the extent that it is not relevant to that person; or(b) if more than one person is listed as the reporter for an outcome, permit a joint report to be produced; or(c) allow a person to contribute information to a report produced by another.(3) The Authority must consult with the Basin States and Commonwealth agencies to ensure that the agreements remove unnecessary duplication of effort.	12.15	12.15 Agreements in relation to reporting requirements(1) The Authority must use its best endeavours to enter, within 2 years after the commencement of the Basin Plan, into an agreement with:(a) each Basin State; and(b) the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder; and(c) the Department;in relation to meeting the reporting requirements in section 12.14.(2) Without limiting subsection (1), an agreement may:(a) exempt a Basin State, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder or the Department from reporting on a matter to the extent that the matter is not relevant to that person; or(b) exempt a Basin State from reporting on a matter to the extent that the Basin State already provides the information covered by the report to a Commonwealth agency or a Commonwealth agency otherwise has the information in its possession or control; or(c) provide for the production of a report in respect of a period other than the reporting period or by a day other than the reporting day; or(d) if more than one person is listed as the reporter for a matter, permit a joint report to be produced; or(e) allow a person to	This provision has been amended to improve clarity of intent and to ensure it is consistent with revised wording in other provisions in Chapter 12.

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				contribute information to a report produced by another; or(f) set out the manner in which the report is to be produced or given to the Authority.(3) If an agreement provides for the production of a report in respect of a period other than the reporting period, section 12.14 has effect as if the first mentioned period were the reporting period.(4) If an agreement provides for the production of a report by a day other than the reporting day, section 12.14 has effect as if the first mentioned day were the reporting day.(5) The Authority must seek to ensure that an agreement removes unnecessary duplication of effort in the provision of reports.(6) Nothing in this section prohibits the Authority from entering into agreements for the provision of information other than the information required by section 12.14, including for the purposes of conducting the review required by section 6.07.	
chapter 12	12.08	12.08 Guidelines for reporting requirements The Authority may publish guidelines in relation to the reporting requirements in this Part, and the Basin States may have regard to the guidelines.	12.16	12.16 Guidelines for reporting requirements The Authority may publish guidelines in relation to the reporting requirements in this Part, and the Basin States, the Department and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder may have regard to the guidelines.	In this provision, the list of reporters has been amended to be consistent with Schedule 10.
chapter 12	N/A	N/A - new provision	12.05(1) Note	Note: The Authority must publish the findings and recommendations arising from an evaluation: see section 12.18.	This note has been added to improve availability and transparency of evaluation findings, in response to feedback from stakeholders highlighting the importance of monitoring and evaluation in informing reviews and adaptive management.
chapter 12	N/A	N/A new provision	12.05(3)	(3) In making an evaluation, the Authority must have regard to: (a) relevant reports produced under Part 4; and (b) the key evaluation questions in section 12.06;	This provision has been added to clarify how the MDBA should evaluate, as well as how the reports provided by State and Commonwealth governments under Part 4 relate to evaluation. This

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				and (c) any other relevant information it holds.	change has been made in response to feedback from stakeholders seeking greater clarity on both of these issues.
chapter 12	N/A	N/A new provision	12.06(g)	The key questions that the Authority must ask when making an evaluation referred to in section 12.05 are the following: (g) to what extent has the program for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Basin Plan contributed to adaptive management and improving the available scientific knowledge of the Murray Darling Basin?	This provision has been added to expand the scope of evaluations of Basin Plan effectiveness to address the role of monitoring and evaluation in adaptive management and improving the underlying knowledge base on which the Basin Plan sits. This provision has been added in response to feedback from stakeholders raising the need for monitoring and evaluation to address these matters.
chapter 12	Part 5 - Reviews of water quality targets and environmental watering plan	Whole part	Part 3, Division 2 - Reviews of water quality targets and environmental watering plan	Whole division	These provisions previously under Part 5 have been relocated to Part 3 Division 2 as part of overall restructuring of Chapter 12. This change has been made in response to feedback from states requesting improvements to the overall logic and flow of the chapter. Minor changes have also been made to these provisions to improve clarity in the intent of this Division, include references to the environmental watering plan and water quality and salinity plan targets, and to clarify the role of reviews in informing adaptive management.
chapter 12	N/A	N/A new note	12.07	Note: The Authority must publish the findings and recommendations arising from a review: see section 12.19.	This note has been added to improve availability and transparency of review findings. This change has been made in response to feedback from stakeholders highlighting the importance of monitoring and evaluation in informing adaptive management.
chapter 12	12.11(1)	Note: The water quality targets are set out in Part 4 of Chapter 8.	12.08(1)	Note: The water quality targets are set out in Part 4 of Chapter 8. Water quality includes salinity: see section 1.07.	This provision has been amended to note to improve clarity on scope of reviews.
chapter 12	12.11(3)	(3) The Authority may request from a Basin State, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, the Department, the Director	12.08(3)	(3) The Authority may request from a person or body (for example, a person or body mentioned in subsection (4)) any information that it	This provision has been amended to request information from any relevant source, not just the agencies specified in the previous

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		of Meteorology and ABARES any information that it considers necessary to conduct the review, in addition to the information required by Part 4.		considers necessary to conduct the review.	provision.
chapter 12	12.11(4)	(4) The review must be undertaken in consultation with the Basin States.	12.09(4)	(4) The review must be undertaken in consultation with the Basin States, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and other relevant Commonwealth agencies.	This provision has been amended to expand the range of parties to be consulted in the review, in response to feedback from the states on this matter.
chapter 12	12.12(1)	Note: A review will include a review of the targets by which to measure progress towards achieving the objectives in the environmental watering plan (Part 3 of Chapter 7).	12.09(2)	(2) The review must include a review of the targets set out in Schedule 5.	This note has been converted into a provision to strengthen the intent. Minor changes have been made to wording to improve readability.
chapter 12	12.12(2)	(2) The Authority may request from a Basin State, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, the Department, the Director of Meteorology and ABARES any information that it considers necessary to conduct the review, in addition to the information required by Part 4.	12.09(3)	(3) The Authority may request from a person or body (for example, a person or body mentioned in subsection (4)) any information that it considers necessary to conduct the review.	This provision has been amended to expand scope to request information from any relevant source, not just the agencies specified in the previous provision.
chapter 12	12.12(4)(5)	(4) The Authority must prepare a written report of the review. (5) The Authority must publish a copy of the report on its website.	12.19(1)(2)	12.19 Publication of findings and recommendations arising from reviews (1) The Authority must take all reasonable steps to publish on its website the findings and recommendations arising from any review conducted under Division 2 of Part 3. (2) The Authority must provide the Basin States, the Department, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and any other relevant person or body with an opportunity to comment on the proposed findings and recommendations before the findings and recommendations are published.	This provision has been replaced with new provisions at s.12.19(1) as part of overall restructuring of Chapter 12. Minor changes have also been made to wording to improve clarity of intent. A new provision s.12.19(2) has been added to provide relevant parties with opportunity to comment on the review findings before publishing, in response to feedback from the states.
chapter 12	N/A	N/A - new Division	Division 3 - Annual Audits program - 12.10	12.12 Evaluations, reviews and audits to inform changes to, and implementation of, Basin Plan(1) When:(a) proposing any amendments to the Basin Plan; or(b) unless a contrary intention appears from the Basin Plan —	These provisions have been added to improve clarity on the MDBA's intent with regards to auditing of compliance with the Basin Plan.

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				exercising powers or performing functions under the Basin Plan;the Authority and the Basin States must have regard to:(c) the findings and recommendations arising from any relevant evaluations under Division 1; and(d) the reports of any relevant reviews conducted under Division 2; and(e) the findings and recommendations of any relevant audits conducted under Division 3.Note: Subdivision F of Division 1 of Part 2 of the Act sets out the process for amending the Basin Plan.(2) If the Authority or a Basin State fails to comply with subsection (1) when exercising a power or performing a function under the Basin Plan, the exercise of the power or the performance of the function is not invalid by reason of the failure.	
chapter 12	N/A	N/A new division, new provision	12.11(1)(2)	12.11 Periodic assessments of Basin condition (1) The Authority may periodically undertake assessments of trends in the condition and availability of the Basin water resources and the social, cultural and economic contexts in which they are used, as revealed by monitoring information. (2) An assessment must be undertaken in consultation with the Basin States, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and other relevant Commonwealth agencies.	This provision has been added to recognise the important role of condition monitoring under the Basin Plan's overall monitoring and evaluation program, and to provide greater clarity about the MDBA's intentions with respect to condition monitoring.
chapter 12	Note in 12.13(1)	Note: For the review of SDLs in 2015, see section 6.07.	12.05 (1)(d)	(1) The Authority must evaluate the effectiveness of the Basin Plan against the objectives and outcomes set out in Chapters 5, 7 and 8, and by reference to the matters listed in Schedule 10, for the purpose of: (d) the review of the long-term average sustainable diversion limits required by section 6.07.	This note has been converted into a provision in response to feedback from stakeholders highlighting the importance of monitoring and evaluation findings in informing the 2015 SDL review.
chapter 12	12.15	12.15 Evaluations to inform changes to Basin Plan In proposing any	12.12	12.12 Evaluations, reviews and audits to inform changes to, and implementation of,	This provision has been amended to strengthen the role of monitoring and

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		<p>amendments to the Basin Plan, the Authority must have regard to any evaluations of the effectiveness of the Basin Plan made under this Chapter and any resulting recommendations.</p> <p>Note: Subdivision F of Division 1 of Part 2 of the Act sets out the process for amending the Basin Plan.</p>		<p>Basin Plan</p> <p>(1) When:</p> <p>(a) proposing any amendments to the Basin Plan; or</p> <p>(b) unless a contrary intention appears from the Basin Plan — exercising powers or performing functions under the Basin Plan; the Authority and the Basin States must have regard to:</p> <p>(c) the findings and recommendations arising from any relevant evaluations under Division 1; and</p> <p>(d) the reports of any relevant reviews conducted under Division 2; and</p> <p>(e) the findings and recommendations of any relevant audits conducted under Division 3.</p> <p>Note: Subdivision F of Division 1 of Part 2 of the Act sets out the process for amending the Basin Plan.</p> <p>(2) If the Authority or a Basin State fails to comply with subsection (1) when exercising a power or performing a function under the Basin Plan, the exercise of the power or the performance of the function is not invalid by reason of the failure.</p>	<p>evaluation in supporting adaptive management, in terms of both ongoing implementation of the Basin Plan as well as periodic amendments to it. These changes have been made in response to feedback from stakeholders about the need to improve clarity about how monitoring and evaluation will be used to inform adaptive management.</p>
chapter 12	N/A	N/A new provision	12.13	<p>12.13 DefinitionsIn this Part:- reporter, for a matter listed in Schedule 10, means the person or entity listed as the reporter for the matter.- reporting day, for a matter listed in Schedule 10, means 31 October in the calendar year in which a reporting period for the matter ends or such other day as is determined by the Authority.- reporting period, for a matter listed in Schedule 10:(a) if the matter is listed as a Category A matter — means the period of 5 years starting on the start day for the matter, and every successive period of 5 years; and(b) if the matter is listed as a Category B matter — means the period of 1 year starting on the start day for</p>	<p>This provision has been added to support changes to Part 4 and Schedule 10. Definitions are intended to provide greater clarity on meaning and intent of certain words in Part 4 and Schedule 10 so as to assist in understanding reporting obligations. These changes have been made in response to feedback from states requesting greater clarity about this issue. (See changes for Schedule 10 for further details on reasons for changes in that part of the Basin Plan.)</p>

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				the matter, and every successive period of 1 year.- start day, for a matter listed in Schedule 10, means the day, being a day no later than 1 July 2019, notified by the Authority in writing to the reporters for the matter.Note 1: For example, the start day for some reporting matters may be the day on which the Basin Plan, or a particular part of the Basin Plan, commences.Note 2: Reporting days and reporting periods may also be varied by agreement: see section 12.15.	
chapter 12	N/A	N/A new part	Part 5 - publication of information	Whole part	This new Part has been added to improve clarity about the MDBA's role and intentions in relation to publishing of monitoring and evaluation reports (separate from reporting requirements under Part 4), in response to feedback from states on this matter.
chapter 12	N/A	N/A new provision	12.17	12.17 Publication of monitoring information The Authority must, in consultation with Basin States, the Department and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (as relevant), and any other relevant person or body, take all reasonable steps to publish on its website information (including data) obtained in monitoring the effectiveness of the Basin Plan.	This provision has been amended to clarify the MDBA's intent to support transparency and accessibility of monitoring information.
chapter 12	12.13(3)	(3) In making an evaluation, the Authority must provide the Basin States, the Department, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, the Director of Meteorology, and ABARES with an opportunity to comment on the evaluation before the evaluation is publicly released.	12.18	12.18 Publication of evaluation findings and recommendations (1) The Authority must take all reasonable steps to publish on its website the findings and recommendations arising from its evaluations of the effectiveness of the Basin Plan under Division 1 of Part 3. (2) The Authority must provide the Basin States, the Department, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and any other relevant person or body with an opportunity	New provision 12.18(1) has been added to improve clarity of the MDBA's intent to support transparency and accessibility of evaluation findings, consistent with the new Principle 11 at 12.04(10). New provision 12.18(2) replaces old 12.13(3), with minor changes to expand the list of stakeholders referenced in the provision. These changes have been made in response to feedback from the states

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				to comment on the proposed findings and recommendations before the findings and recommendations are published.	
chapter 12	N/A	N/A new provision	12.19, 12.20, 12.21	<p>12.19 Publication of findings and recommendations arising from reviews(1) The Authority must take all reasonable steps to publish on its website the findings and recommendations arising from any review conducted under Division 2 of Part 3.(2) The Authority must provide the Basin States, the Department, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and any other relevant person or body with an opportunity to comment on the proposed findings and recommendations before the findings and recommendations are published.</p> <p>12.20 Publication of audit reportsAfter a report prepared under subsection 12.10 is finalised, the person or body that prepared the report must give the report to the Authority, and the Authority must then take all reasonable steps to publish a copy of the report on the Authority's website.</p> <p>12.21 Publication of findings of assessments(1) The Authority must take all reasonable steps to publish on its website the findings of each assessment conducted under Division 4 of Part 3.(2) The Authority must provide the Basin States, the Department, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and any other relevant person or body with an opportunity to comment on the proposed findings before the findings are published.</p>	This provision has been added to be consistent with provisions in new provision 12.18 and be clear that the MDBA's intent to publish monitoring and/or evaluation information also applies to reviews, audits and assessments undertaken under Part 3, Divisions 2, 3 and 4.
chapter 12	N/A	N/A new provision	12.22	12.22 Publication of reports produced under Part 4 (1) The Authority must take all reasonable steps to publish on its website a copy of each report produced by or given	This provision has been added to improve clarity of the MDBA's intent to support transparency and accessibility of monitoring and evaluation information, consistent with

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				to the Authority under Part 4. (2) However, if the person or body (other than the Authority) who produced the report has published the report on a website, the Authority need not publish the report on its website.	new Principle 11 at 12.04(10).
chapter 12	N/A	N/A new part	Part 6 - Improving monitoring, evaluation and reporting capabilities	Whole part	This new Part has been added to recognise the importance of continually adapting and improving monitoring, evaluation and reporting capabilities in the Basin over time, in line with feedback from the states
chapter 12	N/A	N/A new provision	12.23	<p>12.23 Improving monitoring, evaluation and reporting capabilities</p> <p>(1) No later than 5 years after the Basin Plan commences, the Authority must conduct an assessment of monitoring, evaluation and reporting capabilities relevant to this Chapter.</p> <p>(2) When conducting the assessment, the Authority must have regard to the findings and recommendations arising from relevant evaluations, reviews, audits and assessments conducted under Part 3.</p> <p>(3) If the assessment identifies improvements that can be made to monitoring capabilities, the Authority must use its best endeavours, with the Basin States, the Department, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and any other relevant persons or bodies, to give effect to those improvements.</p>	These provisions have been added to clarify the MDBA's intent regarding ongoing improvements to monitoring, evaluation and reporting capabilities in the Basin over time. This change has been made in response to feedback from stakeholders on this matter and in line with feedback from the states
schedule 1	whole schedule	N/A	schedule 1	Complete rewrite	Schedule 1 has been revised to be better aligned with the mandatory content of the Basin Plan, as outlined in the Water Act. The information presented in schedule 1 has also been amended in response to concerns raised by stakeholders. Stakeholders provided feedback on the

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					accuracy information presented in schedule 1, noting that some of the information was out of date and that the type of information presented had a tendency to change over time. Schedule 1 has been revised to better describe the diverse and dynamic nature of the water resources in the Basin and how they are used.
schedule 2	Items 2-16, 20, 23-25	Note 2: As of 30 September 2011, the reduction achieved is estimated to be x GL per year and thus the gap remaining is estimated to be y GL per year in relation to the local reduction amount for this SDL resource unit.	Items 2-16, 20, 23-25	Note 2: As of 31 March 2012, the reduction achieved is estimated to be xx GL per year and thus the gap remaining is estimated to be yy GL per year in relation to the local reduction amount for this SDL resource unit.	These provisions have been amended to reflect the volume of water now available to contribute to the local reduction. The numbers quoted for 'reduction achieved' (xx) and 'gap remaining' (yy) under 'Note 2' have been updated from '30 September 2011' to '31 March 2012', and vary for each item identified in Schedule 2.
schedule 2	Item 17	Note 2: As of 30 September 2011, the reduction achieved is estimated to be 190 GL per year and thus the gap remaining is estimated to be 63 GL per year in relation to the local reduction amount for this SDL resource unit.	Item 17	Note 2: As of 31 March 2012, the reduction achieved is estimated to exceed the local reduction amount of 253 GL per year. It is estimated that 90 GL per year of held environmental water is available to contribute to the calculation of the SDL resource unit shared reduction amount for the SDL resource units in the southern Basin shared zone.	This item has been amended to reflect the volume of water now available to contribute to the shared reduction. The numbers quoted for 'reduction achieved' and 'gap remaining' under 'Note 2' have been updated from '30 September 2011' to '31 March 2012' and have resulted in the local reduction being met under item 17.
schedule 2	Item 22	Note 2: As of 30 September 2011, the reduction achieved is estimated to be 6 GL per year and thus the gap remaining is estimated to be 12 GL per year in relation to the local reduction amount for this SDL resource unit.	Item 22	Note 2: As of 31 March 2012, the reduction achieved is estimated to be 18 GL per year and thus the gap remaining is estimated to be 0 GL per year in relation to the local reduction amount for this SDL resource unit.	This provision has been amended to reflect the volume of water required for the local reduction is now zero and that future water recovery will contribute to the shared reduction. The numbers quoted for 'reduction achieved' and 'gap remaining' under 'Note 2' have been updated from '30 September 2011' to '31 March 2012' and have resulted in the local reduction being met under this item.
schedule 2	title above item 25	South Australian Murray water resource plan area	title above item 25	South Australian River Murray water resource plan area	This heading has been amended to give effect to the creation of the South Australian River Murray prescribed watercourse as a new discrete surface water - water resource plan area. The

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					addition of the South Australian River Murray WRPA has been added to chapter 3, and subsequently the name of the South Australian Murray WRPA has been modified.
schedule 2	N/A	N/A	new title above item 26	South Australian Murray Region water resource plan area	This provision has been added to give effect to the creation of the South Australian Murray Non-prescribed area as a new water resource plan area.
schedule 3	Item 4 Condamine-Balonne (SS26)	The BDL is the sum of:(a) the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken from watercourses and by floodplain harvesting (excluding take under basic rights) calculated by:(i) summing the quantity of water that would have been taken by those forms of take for each year of the historical climate conditions under State water management law as at 30 June 2009; and	Item 4 Condamine-Balonne (SS26)	The BDL is the sum of:(a) the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken from watercourses and by floodplain harvesting (excluding take under basic rights) calculated by:(i) summing the quantity of water that would have been taken by those forms of take for each year of the historical climate conditions under State water management law as at 26 March 2010; and	The date in this provision has been changed to the date the Lower Balonne River Operation Plans was made (26 March 2010), because this aligns with the modelled baseline.
schedule 3	Item 4 Condamine-Balonne (SS26)	(c) the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken by runoff dams (excluding take under basic rights) calculated on the basis of the quantity of water that could be taken under State water management law as at 30 June 2009; and	Item 4 Condamine-Balonne (SS26)	(c) the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken by runoff dams (excluding take under basic rights) calculated on the basis of the quantity of water that could be taken under State water management law as at 26 March 2010; and	The date in this provision has been changed to the date the Lower Balonne River Operation Plans was made (26 March 2010), because this aligns with the modelled baseline.
schedule 3	Item 9 NSW Border Rivers (SS23)	The BDL is the sum of: (a) the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken from regulated rivers and by floodplain harvesting (excluding take under basic rights) calculated by: (i) summing the quantity of water that would have been taken by those forms of take for each year of the historical climate conditions under State water management law as at 30 June 2009; and	Item 9 NSW Border Rivers (SS23)	The BDL is the sum of: (a) the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken from regulated rivers and by floodplain harvesting (excluding take under basic rights) calculated by: (i) summing the quantity of water that would have been taken by those forms of take for each year of the historical climate conditions under State water management law as at 1 July 2009; and	The date in this provision has been changed to the date the NSW Border Rivers Water Sharing Plans was made (1 July 2009), because this aligns with the modelled baseline.
schedule 3	Item 9 NSW Border Rivers (SS23)	(d) the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken by runoff dams (excluding take under basic rights) calculated on the basis of the quantity of	Item 9 NSW Border Rivers (SS23)	(d) the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken by runoff dams (excluding take under basic rights) calculated on the basis of the quantity of	The date in this provision has been changed to the date the NSW Border Rivers WSP was made (1 July 2009), because this aligns with the modelled baseline.

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		water that could be taken under State water management law as at 30 June 2009; and		water that could be taken under State water management law as at 1 July 2009; and	
schedule 3	Item 11 Namoi (SS21)	The BDL is the sum of: (a) the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken from regulated rivers and by floodplain harvesting (excluding take under basic rights) calculated by: (i) summing the quantity of water that would have been taken by those forms of take for each year of the historical climate conditions calculated on the basis of the quantity of water that can be taken under State water management law as at 30 June 2009; and	Item 11 Namoi (SS21)	The BDL is the sum of: (a) the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken from regulated rivers and by floodplain harvesting (excluding take under basic rights) calculated by: (i) summing the quantity of water that would have been taken by those forms of take for each year of the historical climate conditions calculated on the basis of the quantity of water that can be taken under State water management law as at 1 July 2010; and	The date in this provision has been changed to incorporate the Water Sharing Plan for the Peel Valley Regulated, Unregulated, Alluvium and Fractured Rock Water (which was made on 1 July 2010), because this aligns with the modelled baseline.
schedule 3	Item 11 Namoi (SS21)	(d) the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken by runoff dams (excluding take under basic rights) calculated on the basis of the quantity of water that could be taken under State water management law as at 30 June 2009; and	Item 11 Namoi (SS21)	(d) the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken by runoff dams (excluding take under basic rights) calculated on the basis of the quantity of water that could be taken under State water management law as at 1 July 2010; and	The date in this provision has been changed to incorporate the Water Sharing Plan for the Peel Valley Regulated, Unregulated, Alluvium and Fractured Rock Water (which was made on 1 July 2010), because this aligns with the modelled baseline.
schedule 3	Item 14 Murrumbidgee (SS15)	(c) the long-term annual average take of water from watercourses other than from regulated rivers under basic rights calculated on the basis of the take under the level of development that existed on 30 June 2009; and	Item 14 Murrumbidgee (SS15)	(c) the long-term annual average take of water from watercourses under basic rights calculated on the basis of the take under the level of development that existed on 30 June 2009; and	This provisions has been amended by deleting the words 'other than from regulated rivers' because there is no need to distinguish between take from regulated and unregulated rivers for this form of take.
schedule 3	Item 24 Wimmera-Mallee (surface water) (SS9)	(i) summing the quantity of water that would have been taken by that form of take for each year of the historical climate conditions under State water management law as at 30 June 2009 (but excluding held environmental water recovered under the Wimmera-Mallee Pipeline Project); and	Item 24 Wimmera-Mallee (surface water) (SS9)	(i) summing the quantity of water that would have been taken by that form of take for each year of the historical climate conditions under State water management law as at 31 October 2010 (but excluding held environmental water recovered under the Wimmera-Mallee Pipeline Project); and	The date in this provision has been changed to a date after the completion of the Wimmera-Mallee Pipeline Project (31 October 2010), because this aligns with the modelled baseline.
schedule 3	Item 24 Wimmera-Mallee (surface water) (SS9)	(c) the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken from watercourses that are not regulated rivers (excluding take under basic rights) calculated on the basis of the quantity of water that could be taken under State water management law as at	Item 24 Wimmera-Mallee (surface water) (SS9)	(c) the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken from watercourses that are not regulated rivers (excluding take under basic rights) calculated on the basis of the quantity of water that could be taken under State water management law as at	The date in this provision has been changed to a date after the completion of the Wimmera-Mallee Pipeline Project (31 October 2010), because this aligns with the modelled baseline.

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		30 June 2009; and		31 October 2010.	
schedule 3	Item 24 Wimmera-Mallee (surface water) (SS9)	(e) the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken by runoff dams (excluding take under basic rights) calculated on the basis of the quantity of water that could be taken under State water management law as at 30 June 2009; and	Item 24 Wimmera-Mallee (surface water) (SS9)	(e) the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken by runoff dams (excluding take under basic rights) calculated on the basis of the quantity of water that could be taken under State water management law as at 31 October 2010; and	The date in this provision has been changed to a date after the completion of the Wimmera-Mallee Pipeline Project (31 October 2010), because this aligns with the modelled baseline.
schedule 3	title above item 25	South Australian Murray water resource plan area	title above item 25	South Australian River Murray water resource plan area	This heading has been added to give effect to the creation of the South Australian River Murray prescribed watercourse as a new discrete surface water - water resource plan area. The addition of the South Australian River Murray WRPA has been added to chapter 3, and subsequently the name of the South Australian Murray WRPA has been modified.
schedule 3	N/A	N/A	new title above item 26	South Australian Murray Region water resource plan area	This heading has been added to give effect to the creation of the South Australian River Murray prescribed watercourse as a new discrete surface water - water resource plan area. The addition of the South Australian River Murray WRPA has been added to chapter 3, and subsequently the name of the South Australian Murray Region WRPA has been modified.
schedule 3	Item 26 South Australian Non-Prescribed Areas (SS10)	The BDL is the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken by runoff dams calculated by: (i) summing the quantity of water that would have been taken by those forms of take for each year of the historical climate conditions under State water management law as at 30 June 2009; and (ii) dividing that quantity by all of the years of the historical climate conditions. Note: The Authority estimates this to be 3.5 GL per year.	Item 26 South Australian Non-Prescribed Areas (SS10)	The BDL is the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be taken by runoff dams and from watercourses calculated by: (i) summing the quantity of water that would have been taken by those forms of take for each year of the historical climate conditions under State water management law as at 30 June 2009; and (ii) dividing that quantity by all of the years of the historical climate conditions. Note: The Authority estimates this to be 3.5 GL per year.	This provision has been amended by changing the BDL description in response to feedback from the states that there is some level of take from watercourses (predominantly for stock and domestic purposes) within the SDL resource unit. The BDL description of the South Australian Non-Prescribed Areas has been amended to recognise take from watercourses as it currently only refers to run-off dams.
schedule 3	Item 27 Eastern Mount	The BDL is the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be	Item 27 Eastern Mount	The BDL is the long-term annual average limit on the quantity of water that can be	The date of the State water management law used to determine the BDL for the

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	Lofty Ranges(S 513)(i)	taken from watercourses, by runoff dams and net take of water by commercial plantations calculated by:(i) summing the quantity of water that would have been taken by those forms of take for each year of the historical climate conditions under State water management law as at 30 June 2009; and	Lofty Ranges(S 513)(i)	taken from watercourses, by runoff dams and net take of water by commercial plantations calculated by:(i) summing the quantity of water that would have been taken by those forms of take for each year of the historical climate conditions under the draft Eastern Mount Lofty Ranges Water Allocation Plan as at 5 August 2011; and	EMLR has been changed to align with the estimated BDL of 28.3 GL/yr. This estimate is based on the draft EMLR Water Allocation Plan (WAP). The state water management law as at 30 June 2009 was not suitable as it referred to the regional NRM Plan, which relates to dam capacity limits only, and does not include forestry or watercourse diversions, or any of the more recent work to determine limits for the EMLR WAP. Alternatives to a reference to a draft plan were explored but the provisions in the draft are consistent with the way the BDL was calculated.
schedule 4	schedule as a whole	N/A	schedule as a whole	Almost half of the groundwater SDL resource unit descriptions (Column 2) were refined	These changes were made to ensure that Basin water resources were not inadvertently omitted.
schedule 4	Throughout the schedule	N/A	Throughout the schedule	The Baseline Diversion Limits (BDLs) for groundwater have been amended.	The total of the BDLs has changed from 2352 GL/y to 2373 GL/y. Details on the changes are provided for each SDL resource area
schedule 4	schedule as a whole	N/A	schedule as a whole	The Victorian SDL resource units have revised from 10 SDL resource units to 2 SDL resource units (GS8 Goulburn-Murray and GS9 Wimmera-Mallee). These match the water resource plan area boundaries. There are then several sub units within the SDL resource unit. Details about how the new units relate to the units in the proposed Basin Plan are provided for each SDL resource unit.	The changes to the groundwater SDL resource units were made in response to feedback from the states. These changes have allowed the groundwater water resource areas and groundwater SDL resource units to better align with state water planning boundaries.
schedule 4	Throughout the schedule	N/A	Throughout the schedule	The Sustainable Diversion Limits (SDLs) for groundwater have been amended.	The total of the SDLs has changed from 4340 GL/y to 3184 GL/y. This change is based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. The details are provided for each SDL resource unit.
schedule 4	Throughout the schedule	N/A	Throughout the schedule	The Item numbers and GS numbers have changed since the proposed Basin Plan. The total number of SDL resource units has decreased from 79 to 72.	This change is due to a number of SDL resource units changing in Victoria and in NSW. Details are provided for the SDL resource units
schedule 4	Note under	Note: See sections 6.03, 6.04, the definition of BDL in	Note under	Note: See sections 6.03 and 6.04 and the definition of BDL	The change has been made as there is no reference to the

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	title	section 1.07 and Part 3 of Chapter 9	title	in section 1.07	BDL in Part 3 of Chapter 9
schedule 4	Item 1	SDL for Australian Capital Territory (Groundwater) (GS56) was 7.25 GL/y	Item 1	SDL for Australian Capital Territory (Groundwater) (GS59) changed to 3.16 GL/y	The SDL in this item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following the review, the MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The SDL was set at the ACT plan limit in the draft Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 1.0 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 2-5	Groundwater SDL resource units (code): Goulburn-Murray: Goulburn-Broken Highlands (GS8a) SDL Goulburn-Murray: Loddon-Campaspe Highlands (GS8b) Goulburn-Murray: Murray Highlands (GS8c) Goulburn-Murray: Ovens Highlands (GS8d)	Item 3	Groundwater SDL resource unit (code): Goulburn-Murray: Highlands (GS8) Groundwater covered by groundwater SDL resource unit: all groundwater in the outcropping Palaeozoic rocks (or the in-situ weathered horizon where it is within 5 metres of the surface) from the land surface to 200 metres below the surface.	The Victorian boundaries have been amended in response to feedback from the states. The five highland units have been merged into one. The SDL for the new SDL resource unit was determined by combining the modified individual SDL assessments from draft Basin Plan, see details below regarding SDL changes.
schedule 4	Item 2	Goulburn-Murray: Goulburn-Broken Highlands (GS8a) SDL 35.8 GL/y	Item 3	Goulburn-Murray: Highlands (GS8) SDL 50.4 GL/y	The original groundwater SDL resource unit (code) associated with Goulburn-Murray: Goulburn-Broken Highlands (GS8a) has been revised to 25.5 GL/y. This has been incorporated into the Goulburn-Murray: Highlands (GS8) SDL totalling 50.4 GL/y. This change has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 3	Goulburn-Murray: Loddon-Campaspe Highlands (GS8b) SDL 16.8 GL/y	Item 3	Goulburn-Murray: Highlands (GS8) SDL 50.4 GL/y	The original groundwater SDL resource unit (code) associated with Loddon-Campaspe Highlands (GS8b) is now 14.9 GL/y. This has been incorporated into the Goulburn-Murray: Highlands (GS8) SDL totalling 50.4 GL/y. This change has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water

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					factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Items 6 and 8	Groundwater SDL resource units (code): Goulburn-Murray: Ovens-Kiewa Sedimentary Plain (GS8e) Goulburn-Murray: Victorian Riverine Sedimentary Plain (deep; Calivil and Renmark Formations) (GS8f)	Item 4	Groundwater SDL resource units (code): Goulburn-Murray: Sedimentary Plain (GS8) Groundwater covered by groundwater SDL resource unit: all groundwater from the land surface to 200 metres below the surface or 50 metres below the base of the Tertiary sediments, whichever is the deeper, excluding groundwater in item 2	The Victorian boundaries have been amended in response to feedback from the states. The two sedimentary plain units have been merged into one. The SDL for the new SDL resource unit was determined by combining the modified individual SDL assessments from draft Basin Plan. See Item 7 for details of SDL change
schedule 4	Item 7	Goulburn-Murray: Victorian Riverine Sedimentary Plain (shallow; Shepparton Formation) (GS8f)	Item 2	Goulburn-Murray: Shepparton Irrigation Region (GS8)	The Victorian boundaries have been amended in response to feedback from the states. This unit has been re-named but the extent has not changed.
schedule 4	Item 8	Goulburn-Murray: Victorian Riverine Sedimentary Plain (deep; Calivil and Renmark Formations) (GS8f) was 127 GL/y	Item 4	Goulburn-Murray: Sedimentary Plain (GS8) SDL 199.4 GL/y	The original groundwater SDL resource unit (code) associated with: Victorian Riverine Sedimentary Plain (deep; Calivil and Renmark Formations) (GS8f) is now 168.9 GL/y. This has been incorporated into the Goulburn-Murray: Sedimentary Plain (GS8) SDL totalling 199.4 GL/y. This change has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	N/A	N/A	Item 5	Goulburn-Murray: deep (GS8) BDL: 0 GL/y SDL: 5.00 GL/y	This unit has been created in response to feedback from the states that they did not consider the SDLs in the proposed Basin Plan were appropriate for deep groundwater that was not considered in the SDL assessment method. The SDL has been set at a small nominal volume.
schedule 4	Items 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16	Groundwater SDL resource units (code): Wimmera-Mallee: West Wimmera (Loxton Parilla Sands) (GS9a) Wimmera-Mallee: West Wimmera (Murray Group	Item 7	Groundwater SDL resource unit (code): Wimmera-Mallee: Sedimentary Plain (GS9). Groundwater covered by groundwater SDL resource unit: all groundwater from	The Victorian boundaries have been amended in response to feedback from the states. The seven sedimentary plain units have been merged into one. The SDL for the new SDL resource

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		Limestone) (GS9a) Wimmera-Mallee: West Wimmera (Tertiary Confined Sands) (GS9a) Wimmera-Mallee: Wimmera-Mallee Border Zone (Loxton Parilla Sands) (GS9c) Wimmera-Mallee: Wimmera-Mallee Border Zone (Murray Group Limestone) (GS9c) Wimmera-Mallee: Wimmera-Mallee Border Zone (Tertiary Confined Sands) (GS9c) Wimmera-Mallee: Wimmera-Mallee Sedimentary Plain (GS9d)		the land surface to 200 metres below the surface or 50 metres below the base of the Tertiary sediments, whichever is the deeper	unit was determined by combining the modified individual SDL assessments from draft Basin Plan.
schedule 4	Item 12	Wimmera-Mallee: Wimmera-Avoca Highlands (GS9b)	Item 6	Wimmera-Mallee: Highlands (GS9)	The Victorian boundaries have been amended in response to feedback from the states. This unit has been re-named but the extent has not changed.
schedule 4	Items 12	Wimmera-Mallee: Wimmera-Avoca Highlands (GS9b) SDL 3.02 GL/y	Item 6	Wimmera-Mallee: Highlands (GS9) SDL 2.14 GL/y	The SDL for this groundwater resource unit has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25
schedule 4	N/A	N/A	Item 8	Wimmera-Mallee: deep (GS9) BDL: 0 GL/y SDL: 5.00 GL/y	This unit has been created in response to feedback from the states that they did not consider the SDLs in the proposed Basin Plan were appropriate for deep groundwater that was not considered in the SDL assessment method. The SDL has been set at a small nominal volume to allow for exploration of the resource.
schedule 4	Item 17	SDL for Mallee (Pliocene Sands) (GS3) was 82.8 GL/y	Item 9	SDL for Mallee (Pliocene Sands) (GS3) changed to 41.4 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 22	SDL for SA Murray (GS6) was 127.8 GL/y	Item 14	SDL for SA Murray (GS6) changed to 64.8 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through

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					the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 24	SDL for Angas Bremer (Quaternary Sediments) (GS1) was 2.18 GL/y	Item 16	SDL for Angas Bremer (Quaternary Sediments) (GS1) changed to 1.09 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 30	BDL and SDL for Western Porous Rock (GS54) was 48.7 GL/y and 225.9 GL/y	Item 22	BDL and SDL for Western Porous Rock (GS57) changed to 63.1 GL/y and 116.6 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. The MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water as a result of a reassessment of the amount of data. An unassigned water factor of 0.25 is now used. The BDL has increased based on improved knowledge regarding the current level of entitlement.
schedule 4	Item 31	BDL and SDL for Upper Darling Alluvium (GS46) was 6.72 GL/y and 7.10 GL/y	Item 14	BDL and SDL for Upper Darling Alluvium (GS49) changed to 6.29 GL/y and 6.59 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25. The BDL has decreased based on improved knowledge regarding the current level of entitlement and stock and domestic rights.
schedule 4	Item 32	SDL and BDL for Lower Darling Alluvium (GS28) was 1.78 GL/y	Item 24	SDL and BDL for Lower Darling Alluvium (GS24) changed to 2.23 GL/y	The SDL and BDL has increased based on improved knowledge regarding the current level of use. This SDL is capped at the BDL to ensure there is no impact from further groundwater development.
schedule 4	Item 38	SDL and BDL for Lake George Alluvium (GS26) was 1.30 GL/y	Item 30	SDL and BDL for Lake George Alluvium (GS26) changed to 1.27 GL/y	The SDL and BDL has decreased based updating the SDL to reflect the draft NSW plan limit for this unit.
schedule 4	Item 42	SDL and BDL for Belubula Alluvium (GS12) was 2.90 GL/y	Item 34	SDL and BDL for Belubula Alluvium (GS12) changed to 2.88 GL/y	The SDL and BDL has decreased based on improved knowledge regarding the current level of use. This SDL is capped at the BDL to ensure there is no impact from further groundwater development.
schedule	Item 45	SDL for Adelaide Fold Belt	Item 37	SDL for Adelaide Fold Belt	This item has been revised

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4		(GS10) was 5.25 GL/y		(GS10) changed to 4.43 GL/y	based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 46	SDL for Kanmantoo Fold Belt (GS20) was 28.5 GL/y	Item 38	SDL for Kanmantoo Fold Belt (GS20) changed to 18.7 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 47	SDL for Lachlan Fold Belt: Lachlan (GS21) was 123.6 GL/y	Item 39	SDL for Lachlan Fold Belt: Lachlan (GS21) changed to 58.6 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 1.0 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 48	SDL for Lachlan Fold Belt: Macquarie-Castlereagh (GS22) was 89.3 GL/y	Item 40	SDL for Lachlan Fold Belt: Macquarie-Castlereagh (GS22) changed to 60.7 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 1.0 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 49	SDL for Lachlan Fold Belt: Murray (GS23) was 31.9 GL/y	Item 41	SDL for Lachlan Fold Belt: Murray (GS23) changed to 18.7 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 1.0 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 50	SDL for Lachlan Fold Belt: Murrumbidgee (GS24) was 133.4 GL/y	Item 42	SDL for Lachlan Fold Belt: Murrumbidgee (GS24) changed to 53.1 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 1.0 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 51	SDL for Lachlan Fold Belt: Western (GS25) was 230.6 GL/y	Item 43	SDL for Lachlan Fold Belt: Western (GS25) changed to 67.9 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The

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					unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.1 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 53	SDL and BDL for Young Granite(GS55) was 7.09 GL/y	Item 45	SDL and BDL for Young Granite (GS58) changed to 7.11 GL/y	BDL has increased based on improved knowledge regarding the current level of entitlement.
schedule 4	Item 54	SDL and BDL for Bell Valley Alluvium (GS11) was 2.21 GL/y	Item 46	SDL and BDL for Bell Valley Alluvium (GS11) changed to 3.29 GL/y	The SDL and BDL has increased based on improved knowledge regarding the current level of use. This SDL is capped at the BDL to ensure there is no impact from further groundwater development.
schedule 4	Item 55	SDL and BDL for Castlereagh Alluvium (GS14) was 0.63 GL/y	Item 47	SDL and BDL for Castlereagh Alluvium (GS14) changed to 0.62 GL/y	The SDL and BDL has decreased based on improved knowledge regarding the current level of use. This SDL is capped at the BDL to ensure there is no impact from further groundwater development.
schedule 4	Item 56	SDL and BDL for Collaburrangundry-Talbragar Alluvium (GS15) was 2.76 GL/y	Item 48	SDL and BDL for Coolaburrangundry-Talbragar Alluvium (GS15) changed to 3.47 GL/y	The SDL and BDL has increased based on improved knowledge regarding the current level of use. This SDL is capped at the BDL to ensure there is no impact from further groundwater development. The spelling of the SDL resource unit name has been corrected since the proposed Basin Plan.
schedule 4	Item 57	SDL and BDL for Cudgegong Alluvium (GS16) was 2.54 GL/y	Item 49	SDL and BDL for Cudgegong Alluvium (GS16) changed to 2.53 GL/y	The SDL and BDL has decreased based on improved knowledge regarding the current level of use. This SDL is capped at the BDL to ensure there is no impact from further groundwater development.
schedule 4	Item 59	SDL and BDL for Upper Macquarie Alluvium (GS49) was 18.0 GL/y	Item 51	SDL and BDL for Upper Macquarie Alluvium (GS49) changed to 17.9 GL/y	The SDL and BDL has decreased based on improved knowledge regarding the current level of use. This SDL is capped at the BDL to ensure there is no impact from further groundwater development.
schedule 4	Items 60 and 61	NSW Alluvium above the GAB (GS37) and NSW Sediments above the GAB (GS40)	Items 52-54	The NSW Alluvium above the GAB (GS37) and NSW Sediments above the GAB (GS40) have been changed to: the NSW GAB Surat Shallow (GS39), NSW GAB Warrego Shallow (GS40) and NSW GAB Central Shallow (GS41)	The change to these boundaries was made in response to a request from the states. The new boundaries match the boundaries used in the current NSW water sharing plan.
schedule 4	Item 60 and 61	SDL and BDL for NSW Alluvium above the GAB (GS37) was 1.28 GL/y and	Item 52-54	SDL and BDL for the new SDL resource units:52 NSW GAB Surat Shallow (GS39) BDL:	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following

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		22.5 GL/y and NSW Sediments above the GAB (GS40) was 0.92 GL/y and 80.0 GL/y. The total SDL and BDL for these two areas was 2.2 GL/y and 102.5 GL/y.		6.57 GL/y SDL: 15.5 GL/y ⁵³ NSW GAB Warrego Shallow (GS40)BDL: 0.65 GL/y SDL: 33.4 GL/y ⁵⁴ NSW GAB Central Shallow (GS41)BDL: 0.25 GL/y SDL: 8.83 GL/y The total SDL and BDL for the three areas is 7.47 GL/y and 57.73 GL/y	review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25. The BDL has increased from 2.2 GL/y to 7.47 GL/y based on improved knowledge regarding the volume of entitlement and stock and domestic rights.
schedule 4	Item 63	SDL and BDL for New South Wales Manilla Alluvium (Groundwater) (GS35) was 0.42 GL/y	Item 56	SDL and BDL for Manilla Alluvium (Groundwater) (GS35) changed to 0.51 GL/y	The SDL and BDL has increased based on improved knowledge regarding the current level of use. This SDL is capped at the BDL to ensure there is no impact from further groundwater development. The SDL resource unit name has been corrected since the proposed Basin Plan.
schedule 4	Item 66	SDL and BDL for New South Wales Upper Namoi Tributary Alluvium (Groundwater) (GS52) was 0.37 GL/y	Item 59	SDL and BDL for New South Wales Upper Namoi Tributary Alluvium (Groundwater) (GS55) changed to 0.34 GL/y	BDL has increased based on improved knowledge regarding the current level of entitlement.
schedule 4	Item 69	SDL for New South Wales Eastern Porous Rock: Macquarie-Castlereagh (Groundwater) (GS17) was 13.4 GL/y	Item 62	SDL for New South Wales Eastern Porous Rock: Macquarie-Castlereagh (Groundwater) (GS17) changed to 9.78 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 71	SDL for New South Wales Gunnedah-Oxley Basin (Groundwater) (GS70) was 300.0 GL/y	Item 64	SDL for New South Wales Gunnedah-Oxley Basin (Groundwater) (GS42) changed to 102.4 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. An unassigned water factor of 0.25 is now used.
schedule 4	Item 74	SDL for New South Wales New England fold Belt: Border Rivers (Groundwater) (GS41) was 15.3 GL/y	Item 67	SDL for New South Wales New England Fold Belt: Border Rivers (Groundwater) (GS43) changed to 10.8 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 75	SDL for New South Wales New England Fold Belt: Gwydir (Groundwater) (GS42) was 22.2 GL/y	Item 68	SDL for New South Wales New England Fold Belt: Gwydir (Groundwater) (GS44) changed to 14.3 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through

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					the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 76	SDL for New South Wales New England Fold Belt: Namoi (Groundwater) (GS43) was 39.4 GL/y	Item 69	SDL for New South Wales New England fold Belt: Namoi (Groundwater) (GS45) changed to 28.9	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 78	SDL and BDL for New South Wales Border Rivers Alluvium (Groundwater) (GS38) was 8.39 GL/y	Item 71	SDL and BDL for New South Wales Border Rivers Alluvium (Groundwater) (GS37) changed to 8.56 GL/y	The SDL and BDL has increased based on improved knowledge regarding the current level of use. This SDL is capped at the BDL to ensure there is no impact from further groundwater development. The SDL resource unit name has been corrected since the proposed Basin Plan.
schedule 4	Item 79	SDL and BDL for New South Wales Border Rivers Tributary Alluvium (Groundwater) (GS39) was 1.73 GL/y	Item 72	SDL and BDL for New South Wales Border Rivers Tributary Alluvium (Groundwater) (GS38) changed to 0.41 GL/y	The SDL and BDL has increased based on improved knowledge regarding the current level of use. This SDL is capped at the BDL to ensure there is no impact from further groundwater development. The SDL resource unit name has been corrected since the proposed Basin Plan.
schedule 4	Item 80	SDL and BDL for Queensland Border Rivers Alluvium (Groundwater) (GS58) was 13.8 GL/y	Item 73	SDL and BDL for Queensland Border Rivers Alluvium (Groundwater) (GS61) changed to 14.0 GL/y	The SDL and BDL has increased based on improved knowledge regarding the current level of use. This SDL is capped at the BDL to ensure there is no impact from further groundwater development.
schedule 4	Item 81	SDL for Queensland Border Rivers Fractured Rock (Groundwater) (GS59) was 11.0 GL/y	Item 74	SDL for Queensland Border Rivers Fractured Rock (Groundwater) (GS62) changed to 10.5 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 82	SDL for Queensland Sediments above the Great Artesian Basin: Border Rivers (Groundwater) (GS60) was 28.7 GL/y	Item 75	SDL for Queensland Sediments above the Great Artesian Basin: Border Rivers (Groundwater) (GS63) changed to 14.4 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.

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schedule 4	Item 83	SDL for Queensland Sediments above the Great Artesian Basin: Moonie (Groundwater) (GS62) was 64.9 GL/y	Item 76	SDL for Queensland Sediments above the Great Artesian Basin: Moonie (Groundwater) (GS65) changed to 32.5 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 84	SDL for Queensland St George Alluvium: Moonie (Groundwater) (GS65) was 1.37 GL/y	Item 77	SDL for Queensland St George Alluvium: Moonie (Groundwater) (GS68) changed to 0.69 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 85	SDL for Queensland Condamine Fractured Rock (Groundwater) (GS57) was 2.14 GL/y	Item 78	SDL for Queensland Condamine Fractured Rock (Groundwater) (GS60) changed to 1.48 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 86	SDL for Queensland Sediments above the Great Artesian Basin: Condamine-Balonne (Groundwater) (GS61) was 35.6 GL/y	Item 79	SDL for Queensland Sediments above the Great Artesian Basin: Condamine-Balonne (Groundwater) (GS64) changed to 18.1 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 87	SDL for Queensland St George Alluvium: Condamine-Balonne (shallow) (Groundwater) (GS64) was 54.6 GL/y	Item 80	SDL for Queensland St George Alluvium: Condamine-Balonne (shallow) (Groundwater) (GS67) changed to 27.7 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 92	SDL for Queensland Sediments above the Great Artesian Basin: Warrego-Paroo-Nebine (Groundwater) (GS63) was 197.1 GL/y	Item 85	SDL for Queensland Sediments above the Great Artesian Basin: Warrego-Paroo-Nebine (Groundwater) (GS66) changed to 99.2 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 93	SDL for Queensland St George Alluvium: Warrego-Paroo-Nebine (Groundwater) (GS66) was 49.1 GL/y	Item 86	SDL for Queensland St George Alluvium: Warrego-Paroo-Nebine (Groundwater) (GS69) changed to 24.6 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through

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					the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 4	Item 94	SDL for Queensland Warrego Alluvium (Groundwater) (GS69) was 19.8 GL/y	Item 87	SDL for Queensland Warrego Alluvium (Groundwater) (GS72) changed to 10.2 GL/y	This item has been revised based on a review of all groundwater SDLs. Following review, MDBA reduced the volume of unassigned water to be made available through the Basin Plan. The unassigned water factor was reduced from 0.5 to 0.25.
schedule 5	Schedule 5	Schedule 5—Criteria for identifying an environmental asset	Schedule 6	Schedule 6—Criteria for identifying an environmental asset	This schedule has been renumbered to the reflect order in which the schedules are referred to in chapter 7
schedule 6	Schedule 6	Schedule 6—Criteria for identifying an ecosystem function	Schedule 7	Schedule 7—Criteria for identifying an ecosystem function	This schedule has been renumbered to the reflect order in which the schedules are referred to in chapter 7
schedule 7	Schedule 7	Schedule 7—Targets to measure progress towards objectives	Schedule 5	Schedule 5—Targets to measure progress towards objectives	This schedule has been renumbered to the reflect order in which the schedules are referred to in chapter 7
schedule 8	Schedule 8, (1) (c)	floodplain and wetland types including the condition of priority environmental assets and priority ecosystem functions;	Schedule 5, (1) (c)	River, floodplain and wetland types including the condition of priority environmental assets and priority ecosystem functions;	The term 'river' has been added for completeness.
schedule 8	Schedule 8, (1) (e)	condition and diversity of native water-dependent vegetation;	Schedule 5, (1) (e)	condition, diversity, extent and contiguousness of native water-dependent vegetation	The term 'contiguousness' has been added for completeness.
schedule 8	Schedule 8, (2) (a) Note	The improvements in flow regimes will be measured by progress towards natural flow regimes, having regard to long-term watering plans.	Schedule 5, (2) (a) Note	The improvements in flow regimes will be measured by progress towards natural flow regimes, having regard to the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy.	This provision has been amended to recognise the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy.
schedule 8	Schedule 8	N/A		The words 'failure to prevent' were removed from schedule 8 wherever they appeared	This provision has been amended to remove the words 'failure to prevent' because these words represent a value judgement about a range of natural processes over which there is limited control.
schedule 9	Schedule 9	N/A		Column 3: 'riverine' and 'non-riverine' references are replaced with references to streams, rivers, etc.	This provision was amended to replace the words 'riverine' and 'non-riverine' with references to streams, rivers, etc. to ensure the schedule was clear about to which water dependant ecosystems the targets are applicable.
schedule 9	Schedule 9	N/A		Final column: 'slightly to moderately disturbed ecosystems' replaced with 'the protection of 95% of	This provision was amended to replace the words 'slightly to moderately disturbed ecosystems' with 'the

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				species'.	protection of 95% of species' because they were incorrectly referenced.
schedule 10	Schedule title	Basin Plan outcomes and reporting requirements	Schedule title	Schedule 10 — Matters for evaluation and reporting requirements	The title of Schedule 10 has been renamed in response to feedback about the need to better reflect the purpose and function of Schedule 10 (i.e. to focus on the actual matters for reporting and evaluation).
schedule 10	whole schedule	Whole schedule	Whole schedule	Whole schedule	This entire schedule has been restructured. Key changes and reasons include:- Amending the required frequency of reporting to default setting of either annual (Category A - activities) or 5-yearly (Category B - outcomes) to improve alignment with key reporting, evaluation and review obligations in the Basin Plan and Water Act. Variations to this default timing can be made through agreements with MDBA. - Number of reporting items has been streamlined, with 'duplicate' items removed.- An additional column has been added in the Schedule 10 table to identify the relevant Basin Plan Chapter(s) that relate to the particular matter and to clarify the relationship between matters in Schedule 10 and other parts of the Basin Plan, .- A column with years in which reporting was to commence has been removed, with the MDBA to now notify reporters of commencement date. This change was made in order to provide greater flexibility. - Reordering of items in the table to improve readability and clarity around the sequencing of matters- Rewording of items arising from the change to the title of the schedule and to improve readabilityThese changes have been made in response to feedback from stakeholders and the states seeking improved clarity, simplicity, flexibility, readability and alignment with other parts of BP.
schedule	N/A	New note	Notes 1	The matters listed in this	This note has been added to

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10				Schedule relate to the objectives and outcomes against which the effectiveness of the Basin Plan will be evaluated (see section 12.05). The matters are also matters on which the Authority, the Basin States, the Department and the CEWH are required to report (see section 12.14). The Authority may publish guidelines under section 12.16, and enter into agreements under section 12.15, in relation to the reporting requirements.	clarify the purpose and intent of Schedule 10, and its links to other parts of the proposed Basin Plan, in response to feedback from stakeholders.
schedule 10	N/A	New note	Note 2	Note: 2 Category A matters are subject to 5 yearly reporting and Category B matters are subject to annual reporting, subject to an agreement being made under section 12.15.	This note has been added to explain the categorisation of reporting requirements and subsequent reporting timeframes, see 'whole of schedule' comments above for further detail.
schedule 10	Basin Plan outcomes for Basin Plan as a whole	Basin Plan outcomes for Basin Plan as a whole	Matters for Basin Plan as a whole	Whole section	Items have been revised and re-ordered to improve clarity. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items and reporting elements.
schedule 10	Item 5	There is transparent and effective management of the water resources of the Murray-Darling Basin. Reporter: Authority First report: 2017 Subsequent reports: every 3rd year	Item 1	The transparency and effectiveness of the management of the water resources of the Murray Darling Basin. Reporter: Authority 5 yearly reporting Relevant chapter: 5	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items.
schedule 10	Item 12	The ecological and other values of water-dependent ecosystems in the Murray-Darling Basin are protected and restored so that the ecosystems remain healthy in a changing climate. Reporter: Authority First report: 2017 Subsequent reports: every 5th year	Item 2	The protection and restoration of water dependent ecosystems and ecosystem functions in the Murray Darling Basin, including for the purposes of strengthening their resilience in a changing climate. Reporter: Authority 5 yearly reporting Relevant chapter: 5	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items.
schedule 10	Item 6	Social, environmental and economic outcomes are optimised Reporter: Department, Authority	Item 3	The extent to which the Basin Plan has affected social, economic and environmental outcomes in the Murray Darling Basin. Reporter:	A change to the item description has been made in response to stakeholder feedback and as a consequence of changing the

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		First report: 2015 Subsequent reports: every 3rd year		Department, Authority 5 yearly reporting Relevant chapter: 5	title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items.
schedule 10	Item 1	Risks to water resources and risk management actions are identified and included in appropriate planning instruments across the Murray-Darling Basin. Reporter: Basin States, Authority First report: 2017 Subsequent reports: every 5th year	Item 4	The effectiveness of the management of risks to Basin water resources. Reporter: Basin States, Authority Annual reporting Relevant chapter: 4, 5 and 9.	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items.
schedule 10	Item 2	Measures have enabled a transition to long-term average sustainable diversion limits. Reporter: Department First report: 2012 Subsequent reports: Annually, until complete	Item 5	The transition to long term average sustainable diversion limits Reporter: Department Annual reporting Relevant chapter: 5 and 6.	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items.
schedule 10	Item 3	Local knowledge and solutions inform the implementation of the Basin Plan Reporter: Department, Basin States, Authority First report: 2012 Subsequent reports: every 3rd year	Item 6	The extent to which local knowledge and solutions inform the implementation of the Basin Plan. Reporter: Basin States, Authority, CEWH Annual reporting Relevant chapter: 6, 7 and 9.	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items. Corrections have been made to the list of reporters (Department removed and CEWH added) to reflect relevant obligations under the Basin Plan.
schedule 10	Basin Plan outcomes for Environmental Watering Plan	Whole section	Matters for Environmental Watering Plan	Whole section	Items have been revised and re-ordered to improve clarity. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items and reporting elements.
schedule 10	Item 11	Progress towards achieving the objectives specified in	Item 7	The achievement of environmental outcomes at a	A change to the item description has been made as

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		Part 2 of Chapter 7 is assessed in accordance with Part 3 of Chapter 7. Reporter: Authority, CEWH First report: 2015 Subsequent reports: every 5th year		Basin scale, by reference to the targets in Schedule 5. Reporter: Authority, CEWH 5 yearly reporting Relevant chapter: 7	a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items.
schedule 10	Item 10	Progress is made towards achieving ecological targets and objectives for priority environmental assets and ecosystem functions as set out in long term watering plans. Reporter: Basin States, CEWH First report: 2015 Subsequent reports: every 3rd year	Item 8	The achievement of environmental outcomes at an asset scale. Reporter: Basin States 5 yearly reporting Relevant chapter: 7	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items. Based on feedback from stakeholders, CEWH has been removed as a reporter against this item to better reflect their responsibilities with respect to environmental watering.
schedule 10	Item 8 and Item 9	[Item 8] During each water accounting period: (a) held environmental water is identified; and (b) held environmental water released or used to achieve environmental outcomes is recorded, including the volumes, timing (frequency and duration), location and flow rates of that water. Reporter: Basin States, CEWH, Authority First report: 2013 Subsequent reports: annually [Item 9] During each water accounting period: (a) planned environmental water is identified; and (b) planned environmental water released or used to achieve environmental outcomes is recorded, including the volumes, timing (frequency and duration), location and flow rates of that water. Reporter: Basin States First report: 2019 Subsequent reports: annually	Item 9	The identification of environmental water and the monitoring of its use. Reporter: Basin States, CEWH, Authority Annual reporting Relevant chapter: 7	Previous Items 8 and 9 merged to improve readability and streamline the Schedule. This change has been made in response to feedback from stakeholders. A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items.
schedule 10	Item 7	The environmental framework is implemented. Reporter: Basin States, CEWH,	Item 10	The implementation of the environmental management framework (Part 4 of Chapter	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing

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		Authority First report: 2013 Subsequent reports: every 3rd year		7) Reporter: Basin States, CEWH, Authority Annual reporting Relevant chapter: 7	the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items.
schedule 10	Basin Plan outcomes for Water Quality and Salinity Management Plan	Whole section	Matters for Water Quality and Salinity Management Plan	Whole section	Items have been revised and re-ordered to improve clarity. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items and reporting elements.
schedule 10	Item 16	There is a low risk that Basin water resources will be unfit for use, consistent with the water quality objectives in Part 3 of Chapter 8. Reporter: Authority First report: 2016 Subsequent reports: Every 5th year	Item 11	The fitness for purpose of the Basin water resources. Reporter: Authority 5 yearly reporting Relevant chapter: 5 and 8	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items.
schedule 10	Item 15	Implementation of the measures identified in a WQM Plan is enabling progress towards meeting the objectives in Chapter 8 - as informed by whether the targets specified in the WQM Plan are being met. Reporter: Basin States First report: 2019 Subsequent reports: Every 5th year	Item 12	Progress towards the water quality targets in Chapter 8. Reporter: Basin States, Authority 5 yearly reporting Relevant chapter: 8	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items. The MDBA has been added as a reporter reflecting its responsibilities under the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement.
schedule 10	Item 14	Water quality and salinity trigger points at which water in the River Murray System becomes unsuitable for critical human water needs are determined and emergency responses for managing events are in place. Reporter: Basin States, Authority First report: 2013	Item 13	The implementation, where necessary, of the emergency response process for critical human water needs. Reporter: Basin States, Authority, Department Annual reporting Relevant chapter: 10	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes

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		Subsequent reports: Annually			generic to all items. The Department has been added as a reporter based on their relevant responsibilities under the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement.
schedule 10	Item 13	Decisions relating to management of water flows are made having regard to the targets referred to in subsection 8.11(5). Reporter: Basin States, Authority, CEWHFirst report: 2019Subsequent reports: Every 5th year	Item 14	The implementation of the water quality and salinity management plan, including the extent to which regard is had to the targets in Chapter 8 when making flow management decisions.Reporter: Basin States, Authority, CEWHAnnual reportingRelevant chapter: 8	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items.
schedule 10	Basin Plan outcomes for Water Trading Rules	Whole section	Matters for Water Trading Rules	Whole section	Items have been revised and re-ordered to improve clarity. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items and reporting elements.
schedule 10	Item 18	Trading rules and information are transparent and available. Reporter: Basin States, Authority First report: 2015 Subsequent reports: Every 3rd year	N/A	N/A provision deleted	This item has been deleted because it duplicated other items in this section, based on feedback from stakeholders
schedule 10	Item 19	Trading rules operate efficiently and effectively. Reporter: Basin States, Authority First report: 2015 Subsequent reports: Every 3rd year	N/A	N/A provision deleted	This item has been deleted because it duplicated other items in this section, based on feedback from stakeholders
schedule 10	Item 20	Item 20: Water markets operate more efficiently and effectively to facilitate tradeable water rights to reach their most valued use. Reporter: Authority First report: 2016 Subsequent reports: Every 5th year	Item 15	The facilitation, by efficient and effective water markets, of tradeable water rights reaching their most productive use. Reporter: Authority 5 yearly reporting Relevant chapter: 5 and 11	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence deleting duplicative items and changes to the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items.
schedule 10	Item 17	Item 17: Measures required to implement the trading rules are identified and implemented in each Basin State. Reporter: Basin States First report: 2013 Subsequent reports: Annually	Item 16	The implementation of water trading rules. Reporter: Basin States, Authority Annual reporting Relevant chapter: 11	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title'

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					and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items. The MDBA has been added as a reporter based on its responsibilities under Chapter 11 of the Basin Plan.
schedule 10	Basin Plan outcomes for Water Resource Planning	Whole section	Matters for Water Resource Planning	Whole section	Items have been revised and re-ordered to improve clarity. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items and reporting elements.
schedule 10	Item 27	Enduring, credible and widely understood water sharing arrangements throughout the Murray-Darling Basin provide certainty of access to all users and to the wider community under a changing climate. Reporter: Authority First report: 2017 Subsequent reports: Every 5th year	Item 17	The certainty of access to Basin water resources. Reporter: Authority 5 yearly reporting Relevant chapter: 5 and 9	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items.
schedule 10	Item 26	Water resource plans operate efficiently and effectively providing a robust framework under a changing climate. Reporter: Basin States, Authority First report: 2022 Subsequent reports: Every 3rd year	Item 18	The efficiency and effectiveness of the operation of water resource plans, including in providing a robust framework under a changing climate. Reporter: Basin States, Authority 5 yearly reporting Relevant chapter: 9	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items.
schedule 10	Item 25	There is compliance with water resource plans. Reporter: Basin States First report: 2020 Subsequent reports: Annually	Item 19	Compliance with water resource plans. Reporter: Basin States Annual reporting Relevant chapter: 9	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items.
schedule 10	Item 23	Critical human water needs are prioritised. Reporter: Basin States First report: 2013 Subsequent reports: Annually	Item 20	The prioritisation of critical human water needs Reporter: Basin States Annual reporting Relevant chapter: 9 and 10	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title'

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schedule 10	Item 21	There are accountable and transparent arrangements for water sharing. Reporter: Basin States, Authority First report: 2019 Subsequent reports: Every 5th year	Item 21	The accountability and transparency of arrangements for water sharing. Reporter: Basin States Annual reporting Relevant chapter: 9	A change to the item description has been made as a consequence of changing the title of Schedule 10 so that the title now refers to matters for evaluation and reporting requirements not outcomes. See 'schedule title' and 'whole schedule' comments above for the reasons for other changes generic to all items.
schedule 10	Item 22	Risks to Basin water resources are assessed, and management strategies identified, at water resource plan area scale. Reporter: Basin States First report: 2018 Subsequent reports: Every 5th year	N/A	N/A provision deleted	This item has been deleted because it duplicated other items in this schedule, based on feedback from stakeholders
schedule 10	Item 24	Water resource plans minimise the risk to water quality targets being exceeded. Reporter: Basin States First report: 2019 Subsequent reports: Every 5th year	N/A	N/A provision deleted	This item has been deleted because it duplicated other items in this schedule, based on feedback from stakeholders
schedule 10	Item 28	The management outcome described in subsection 5.05(2) is achieved. Reporter: Authority First report: 2016 Subsequent reports: Every 5th year	N/A	N/A provision deleted	This item has been deleted because it duplicated other items in this schedule, based on feedback from stakeholders