

In response to your letter of 12 October seeking submissions, please accept the following comments:

- Council strongly supports the Victorian Government's White Paper on Water.
- The position of providing a water entitlement to the environment is seen as an important prevention of overuse and acknowledges the need to buy back water in some areas.
- Stock and domestic water should remain an as of right use.
- Sales of irrigation water should be tradeable.
- Council's may need some help with valuations and rates in light of these changes.

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