



## Land Assessment Guide to getting Water Delivery Rights

### 1. Introduction

Renmark Irrigation Trust (the Trust) is willing to grant, or facilitate the transfer of Water Delivery Rights to unassessed parcels of land, such as Exit Package Blocks, providing all requirements are met. This document is a general guide to the basic requirements for receiving Water Delivery Rights on a property; however, approval is subject on a case by case basis.

Customers should read this document in conjunction with the Renmark Irrigation Trust Act and Regulations 2009, associated Rules, and any relevant Trust policy and procedure.

### 2. Eligibility Process

All properties within the Trust District must have Water Delivery Rights to have water delivered to the property for irrigation purposes. The Trust undertakes an assessment to determine if the property and the customer are eligible for Water Delivery Rights. It includes the following assessments:

#### 2.1 Hydrology Assessment

An hydrology assessment is undertaken to ensure that the Trust's infrastructure has the capacity to deliver the required volume of water to your property. In addition, the customer may be asked to supply the Trust with details of their proposed irrigation system.

#### 2.2 Water Delivery Right Assessment

A Water Delivery Right assessment helps determine whether the Trust has sufficient site use approval to supply the customer new Water Delivery Rights. If the Trust has insufficient site use approval to grant new Water Delivery Rights, the customer may need to apply to have them transferred from another customer within the Renmark Irrigation Trust District (the Trust can help facilitate this process).

#### 2.3 Security

The Trust will require security if the customer holds:

- (1) Water Delivery Rights but no Water Entitlement; or
- (2) at least five times more Water Delivery Rights than Water Entitlement;

Security protects the Trust and its Member's interest in the payment of fees and charges for the delivery of water.

Security can be provided to the Trust in one or more of the following forms:

- (1) A charge over Water Entitlement held by either the customer or under different ownership within the Trust district;
- (2) A charge over a Water Access Entitlement (or interstate equivalent) held by either the customer or under different ownership on a private licence;
- (3) A guarantee given by an authorised deposit-taking institution within the meaning of the

Banking Act 1959 (Commonwealth);

- (4) An encumbrance registered under the Real Property Act 1886 (SA) over the Certificate of Title(s) of the land parcel(s) which the Water Delivery Right allows water to be delivered to;
- (5) A deposit lodged with the Trust;
- (6) Any other form of security agreed upon by the Trust and the customer.

### 3. Customer Conditions of Approval

If a customer meets all the requirements, the Trust will approve their application and the parcel of land will become Assessed. The new Assessed Land area will be added to the customers water account. Obligations of customers with Assessed Land are:

#### 3.1 Water Allocation

Customers are responsible for ensuring they have sufficient Water Allocation on their water account to cover their water use:

- (1) Water accounts must be balanced quarterly in accordance with the Trust's Quarterly Balancing Policy;
- (2) Penalties apply if water accounts are not balanced by the due date.

#### 3.2 Backflow Prevention Device

Customers are responsible for ensuring that any treated or contaminated water from their internal irrigation systems (e.g. flushing or fertigation systems) is prevented from entering into the Trust's irrigation pipe network or drainage system. Stormwater, septic water or any type of chemical must also be prevented from entering the Trust's irrigation or drainage systems.

Customers should discuss the best options for preventing backflow with your irrigation system supplier. Backflow mechanisms should operate in the event of power or pump failure.

#### 3.3 No-Flow Protection Device

As water supply may be interrupted without notice, the Trust strongly recommends installing a no-flow protection device for on-farm irrigation systems. This device will minimise the risk of damage to pumping equipment if the pump switches off when there is no water supplied to it.

#### 3.4 Payment of Quarterly Accounts

The Trust announces its charges twice a year: in June, for the July to December period; and in December, for the January to June period. Refer to 4.3 for applicable charges.

- (1) Accounts are issued quarterly (July, October, January, December) and must be paid by the due date;
- (2) Interest applies to all overdue accounts, even if a payment plan is in place;
- (3) Accounts that have arrears greater than 180 days will result in the Supply Connection being locked off. A disconnection fee will also apply;
- (4) The quarterly Service Charge still applies to Supply Connections that have been locked off.

## 4. Other

### 4.1 Supply Connection

If a new supply connection is required, it can be installed in accordance with the Trust's Irrigation Supply Connection Policy, found on the Trust's website.

### 4.2 Drainage

The Trust has an extensive drainage system throughout the Renmark irrigation district. In some instances, there may not be any drainage covering the property to be Assessed. If this is the case, the customer may install their own drainage system and connect to the Trust's drainage system. The customer must apply to the Trust to connect to its drainage system.

### 4.3 Network Charges

Once a property is Assessed, the Customer will be required to pay an Access Charge based on the Assessed area. The Access Charge is billed quarterly and is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Assessed Area (Ha)} \times \text{Access Charge Rate}$$

with a **minimum charge applicable** equivalent to: 1Ha x Access Charge Rate

Other charges applicable include:

- (1) Water Delivery Fee, based on the volume of water used;
- (2) Service Charges, applicable to any other service, e.g. a domestic supply;
- (3) Water Levy, applicable to any Water Entitlement owned.

Current rates can be found on the Trust's current Schedule of Charges available on the Trust's website.

## 5. Application

If you wish to apply for Water Delivery Rights or would like further information please make an appointment with the Trust to discuss your requirements.

## 6. Definitions

In this document the following words have these meanings unless the contrary intention appears:

Term	Definition/Meaning
<b>Access Charge</b>	The fee to access Renmark Irrigation Trust's water delivery infrastructure. The fee is based on the hectares of Assessed land.
<b>Ha</b>	Hectare
<b>Assessed Land</b>	The area assessed by the Trust as all arable land within the boundaries of a land title and shall include areas currently planted or unplanted such as headlands, tracks, windbreaks, drying greens, gardens, residential buildings, sheds or other infrastructure.
<b>Service Charges</b>	Applicable to Domestic, Dual Purpose, Private Diverter, and Industrial Supply Connections. Recovers the cost of operating and maintaining Supply Connections.
<b>Supply Connection</b>	A water delivery point which incorporates a water meter
<b>Water Allocation</b>	Means the right to take a specific volume of water allocated to Water Entitlements in a given water year.
<b>Water Delivery Rights</b>	Is a Customer's ongoing right to access a proportion of the Trust's water distribution system to delivery water to their property.
<b>Water Entitlement</b>	Also referred to as Irrigation Right, means a right that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a person has against the Trust to receive water;</li> <li>(2) is not a Water Access Entitlement or a Water Delivery Right.</li> </ol>