



Queensland

Water Resource (Mary Basin) Amendment Plan (No. 1) 2007

Explanatory Notes for SL 2007 No. 343

made under the
Water Act 2000

General outline

1 Title

Water Resource (Mary Basin) Amendment Plan (No. 1) 2007.

2 Authorising law

Section 56 of the *Water Act 2000* (the *Act*).

3 Policy objectives of the legislation

The objectives of the *Water Resource (Mary Basin) Amendment Plan (No. 1) 2007* are to amend the *Water Resource (Mary Basin) Plan 2006* (the *plan*) to amend sections 37, 49, 51, 56, 59 and schedules 7, 10, 11, and 12 of the plan.

The *Water Resource (Mary Basin) Amendment Plan (No. 1) 2007* provides for the following amendments to the plan—

- administrative changes to reflect existing operating arrangements in the Lower Mary River Water Supply Scheme by transferring responsibility for operating and managing parts of the scheme

from SunWater to Maryborough City Council by creating a new Water Supply Scheme

- amendments to the annual volumetric limits for licences granted to Rainbow Shores Pty Ltd, without increasing the total volume of water taken
- inclusion of water allocation security objectives (WASOs) for the Wide Bay Water Supply Scheme.

4 Legislation consistent with policy objectives of authorising law

The *Water Resource (Mary Basin) Amendment Plan (No. 1) 2007* is consistent with the policy objectives of the Act.

5 Estimated cost for Government

The *Water Resource (Mary Basin) Amendment Plan (No. 1) 2007* will incur additional minor costs on the Government, associated with public notice and printing.

6 Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The *Water Resource (Mary Basin) Amendment Plan (No. 1) 2007* is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

7 Consultation

Government departments and agencies affected by the changes have been consulted in respect of the plan. In addition, SunWater, Maryborough City Council and irrigators of the new water supply scheme have been consulted in accordance with the water resource planning process as outlined in the Act.

Outcomes of community consultation are outlined in the separate document *Mary Basin Water Resource Amendment Plan Consultation Report*.

8 Regulatory Impact Statement

Section 58 of the Act states that a regulatory impact statement under the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992* is not required for the approval of a water resource plan.

Notes on clauses

Part 1 Preliminary

Short title

Clause 1 states that the short title of the amendment plan is the *Water Resource (Mary Basin) Amendment Plan (No. 1) 2007*.

Plan amended

Clause 2 states the plan to be amended is the *Water Resource (Mary Basin) Plan 2006*.

Amendment of s 37 (applying for, or to amend, interim resource operations licence)

This clause includes reference to the new water supply scheme, Teddington Weir Water Supply Scheme.

Amendment of s 49 (Water allocations to be managed under resource operations licences)

This clause includes reference to the new water supply scheme, Teddington Weir Water Supply Scheme.

Amendment of s 51 (Water entitlements to replace local government authorities)

Clause 51 provides for the granting of water entitlements to replace existing local government authorities to take or interfere with water from particular watercourses in the plan area. The existing authorities are Orders in Council issued under the now repealed Local Government Act 1936. These authorities are continued under section 1037 and 1037A of the Act until replaced with a water entitlement.

Amendment of s 56 (Purpose to be stated on water allocation)

Clause 56 states that the purpose of the entitlement must be stated on the water allocation. The purpose is to be ‘distribution loss’, ‘bulk water supply commitment’ or ‘any’.

Amendment to s 59 (Priority groups for water allocations to take supplemented water)

This clause includes reference to the new water supply scheme, Teddington Weir Water Supply Scheme.

Amendment to sch 7 (Water allocation security objectives)

This clause includes reference to the new water supply scheme, Teddington Weir Water Supply Scheme and the inclusion of water allocation security objectives for Wide Bay Water Supply Scheme.

Amendment to sch 10 (Water licences to take subartesian water)

omits—

Lot 3 on MCH843668	10	—
Lot 4 on CP887197	2.5	—
Lot 37 on SP101780	10	—
Lot 1 on MCH842069	10	—

inserts—

Lot 3 on MCH843668 Lot 1 on MCH842069	28	—
Lot 37 on SP101780	2	—
Lot 0 on SP1649979	2.5	—

Amendment of sch 11 (Priority areas)

This amendment includes reference to the new water supply scheme, Teddington Weir Water Supply Scheme and corrects a spelling error.

Insertion of new sch 11A

This amendment provides a formula for annual proportional flow deviation.

Amendment of sch 12 (Dictionary)

This amendment provides definitions for *annual proportional flow deviation* and *water year*.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is the Department of Natural Resources and Water.