



# Water rights and water trading for stock and domestic pipeline customers

During consultation for the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project, some customers have indicated they want a secure water entitlement for their property. These formal entitlements do not currently exist with the current open channel system.

The **GWMWater** Board is keen to develop water entitlements for pipeline customers. This will give customers greater flexibility in managing their water supply and their water costs.

When formal entitlements are established, customers will be able to buy or sell a proportion of the water allocated to their property on either a temporary or permanent basis.

The pipeline design will provide for transfers between customers within the supply capacity constraints of the pipe system.

## More consultation

Any decision on water rights and water trading will be made following extensive consultation with **GWMWater's** customer committees.

One of the issues raised by customer committees in preliminary consultation about water entitlements is that a minimum water quantity should be permanently tied to each property. This would provide a minimum assured level of water availability for all properties in the region.

Consultation with committees and the broader community will guide **GWMWater** in establishing the basis of defining entitlements for all rural customers.

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