

Newsletter to Barossa Infrastructure Ltd Customers

3 September 2020

Surplus or Additional Temporary Water

BIL's current Water Year ends in less than a month on 30 September 2020.

Check your water meter for up-to-date readings and monitor your water use closely to avoid excess water use charges.

If you will have surplus water this Water Year, consider submitting a [Surplus Temporary Transfer](#) form to Neville ASAP. The water remains on your account until a customer willing to take it is found. If a willing customer is not found, you remain responsible for the unused water charges.

Similarly, if you have a need for [Additional Temporary water](#), submit your form to Neville to get on his waiting list. Or if you know of another customer who can help you out, use the [Customer to Customer Temporary Transfer](#) form.

Proposed Change to BIL Water Year Dates

As advised in the July Newsletter, BIL's Board is considering the merits of changing BIL's Water Year dates from the current 1 October – 30 September period to 1 July – 30 June.

BIL customers water balance would renew ahead of late winter and spring watering. A 1 July – 30 June water year would align with virtually all other annual reporting periods, including local surface water and groundwater resources. Your overall volume would remain the same, you would just need to adjust your water budgeting with a different start date.

BIL would benefit from this change by eliminating its exposure to River Murray allocations in June to September due to a mismatch in allocation percentages between the Murray and customers.

- When the available water in the Murray is low, BIL's water availability into the scheme is restricted – particularly at the start of the River Murray year beginning on 1 July.
- Conversely, during July to September BIL's customers remain on the River Murray allocation percentage that was in place on 30 June, which is more than likely higher than on 1 July.
- Therefore, BIL may be in a position where it needs to purchase River Murray allocations at higher market rates to make up any shortfall. This ultimately pushes up BIL's water use charges.

If BIL's water year started on 1 July, BIL's River Murray water availability and BIL customers water availability would rise in step with each other, and so BIL would not need to purchase allocations during this period, keeping water use charges as low as possible.

The change would also simplify BIL's water and financial accounting.

I have received some feedback but am keen to hear from a wider range of BIL customers – feel free to call or email me. This item may also be discussed at this year's AGM.

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Regards,



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