

Consolidate water access licences 71P(b)

Fact sheet

Under the *Water Management Act 2000*, two or more water access licences (in the same water management area, water source and of the same category or subcategory) can be cancelled and consolidated into a single water access licence.



Note WaterNSW can provide general advice on water access licence dealings. Please seek independent advice that considers your specific circumstances.

When might this dealing be used?

Consolidation of two or more water access licences may be required because of the acquisition of an additional licence as part of a property settlement; purchasing a water access licence from another licence holder; or rationalising multiple water access licences.

Any holder can apply to consolidate water access licences. Consolidation cannot be restricted by a water sharing plan. Changes in the consolidation may include a bundled dealing where for example, nominated work/s (71W) are removed (or added) to the consolidated water access licence, simultaneously.

One of the following – changes to nominated work/s, extraction component, share component or conversion to a new category – can be achieved in a bundled dealing. For further information on making changes to licences refer to [Fact sheet: Change a water access licence](#).

Limitations to keep in mind.

There are some limitations that apply to consolidating two or more water access licences:

- Water access licences to be consolidated must be held by the same holder(s) and have the same tenancy agreements.
- Water access licences must be of the same category, in the same water management area and water source, and have the same nominated works.
- If the works are not the same, then applications to add or remove works (71W) are required so the same works are shown on all water access licences being consolidated.

When is this dealing type prohibited?

The *Access Licence Dealing Principles Order 2004* prohibits dealings under s71P if any water access licences are suspended. Consolidation of water access licences is prohibited if the share and extraction components and the nominated works specified in the water access licences are not the same, apart from the quantity of shares and any quantified rights in the extraction component.

How do I go about it?

To consolidate two or more water access licences, use the [Application to consolidate and change water access licences form](#). Remember to download the [guide](#) to the form as well. All licence holders must sign

the application. You can submit this application through [Water Applications Online](#).

Once approved, WaterNSW prepares a Notification form, and you lodge this and the original water access licence certificates with NSW Land Registry Services **before the expiry date on the Notification form**.

[NSW Land Registry Services](#) will not register a consolidation where the water access licences to be consolidated are held by the same holders but with different tenancy arrangements. Tenancy arrangements must be modified so that all water access licences being consolidated are held by the same holders with the same tenancy arrangements. Contact NSW Land Registry Services if tenancy arrangements need modification.

Need help?

Schedule a meeting with one of our Water Regulations Officers to discuss your dealing. If you need more information, please contact our Customer Service Centre on [1300 662 077](tel:1300662077), Monday to Friday between 8am–5pm or email Customer.Helpdesk@waternsw.com.au

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