

'Grandfathered' status exemption

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the 'grandfathered' status exemption being removed?

In 2021, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) inquiry into water markets found the grandfathered tagging exemption in the Basin Plan water trading rules to be inequitable and that there was broad scale support for its removal.

On 30 November 2023, the federal parliament adopted the *Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Act 2023* (Cth). Among other changes, this Act amends section 12.23 of the Basin Plan to remove this exemption and any 'grandfathering' classification.

Do I have to do anything to remove the 'grandfathered' status from my account?

No, you don't have to do anything.

From 1 July 2024, the 'grandfathered' status was automatically removed from your tagged account. You do not have to make any requests to change this status.

How does the removal of the grandfathered status exemption impact me in practice?

You can only use water from a tagged account when the corresponding inter-valley allocation trade opportunity is also open.

There won't be any changes to your tagged trade arrangements when there are no trade restrictions in place.

During trade restrictions, you will be subjected to the same restrictions as allocation trade customers. In practice, this means that when there is no available trade opportunity between the source and use zones of your entitlement, you will not be able to use the water in your tagged account.

Need help?

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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