

2016 Review of the Tintinara Coonalpyn Water Allocation Plan

The current version of the Tintinara Coonalpyn Water Allocation Plan was adopted on 23 April 2012.

In 2016 there was a review of the water allocation plans in the upper Limestone Coast. The review considered areas for improvement in the Tintinara Coonalpyn, Tatiara and Padthaway water allocation plans. It also considered whether the three plans should be amalgamated.

The outcome of review was to not amalgamate the three plans and some areas for improvement were identified. Amendment did not occur for the Tintinara Coonalpyn Water Allocation Plan.

Under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* a water allocation plan must be reviewed on a comprehensive basis at least once in every 10 years. The next comprehensive review of the Tintinara Coonalpyn Water Allocation Plan needs to occur by 2026.

Summary of feedback received for Tintinara Coonalpyn

Community engagement and public consultation was undertaken during the 2016 review across all three water allocation plan areas. This included a public forum held in Tintinara and opportunity for both written and verbal feedback to be provided. The focus questions were:

- What is working well?
- What is not working well or requires change?
- What are your views on amalgamation of any/all of the three plans?
- Any other feedback on the Plan or the process for review?
- How would you like to be involved in the review?

An overview of key focus areas from feedback received:

- The current plan was viewed as working well, including carryover provisions and delivery supplements.
- Respondents viewed that water using enterprises were stable, allocations were sufficient and viewed they were maintaining a stable resource condition.
- There was some concern over additional extraction impacts if unused allocation was activated.
- Some viewed that trading was not really required due to stable irrigation enterprises and current allocations.
- Use of hydrological zone boundaries for management areas.
- More monitoring with up to date online data would assist in management.

- The three plans for amalgamation are different and need to be managed individually. The current plan for Tintinara Coonalpyn is working well and amalgamation would risk overcomplicating what isn't broken.
- Local knowledge and involvement are critical. Use local people and existing groups for engagement and consultation.
- Signal intentions early and supply detail. Use plain language in communicating and allow plenty of time for consultation.

The 2016 review did not proceed to amalgamation or amendment. These key focus areas will be considered through the review process for the Tintinara Coonalpyn Water Allocation Plan due to be completed by 2026. Amalgamation is not under consideration in the upcoming review.