

Tintinara Coonalpyn Water Allocation Plan Review

TINTINARA COMMUNITY SESSION
AUGUST 2026

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, there are green agricultural fields with visible furrows. A dirt road runs diagonally across the middle ground, lined with small trees. Beyond the road, there are large, flat fields, some of which are yellow, suggesting harvested crops or dry grass. The horizon is flat with distant trees and a clear blue sky.

Welcome

Purpose of the Review

Landscape South Australia Act 2019

- Requirements for water allocation plans
- Comprehensive review every 10 years

Commenced April 2025

- **Stage 1 - Evaluation of the Plan**
- Stage 2 – Amendment of the Plan if required



Purpose of the Review

- Evaluation
 - objectives of the Plan
 - effectiveness of principles (rules)
 - alignment with current policies and legislation
 - consider any other matter as required
- Recommendation of amendment or not required by December 2026



Stakeholder Advisory Group

- Jonathon Sobels (Chair)
- Tracey Strugnell
- Adam Zacker
- Campbell Foote
- Graham Gates
- James De Barro
- Jim Rowntree
- John Young
- Rodney Lush



A wide-angle photograph of a center pivot irrigation system in operation over a vast, green agricultural field. The system's long, dark metal arm extends from the left foreground towards the horizon, supported by a series of vertical riser pipes. These riser pipes are connected to a network of smaller pipes that deliver water to the crops. Several large, black tires are visible along the main arm, indicating its mobile nature. The field is a uniform, vibrant green, suggesting healthy crops. The sky is a clear, deep blue, dotted with a few wispy white clouds. In the lower-left foreground, a semi-transparent dark teal rectangle contains the word "Evaluation" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Evaluation

Where is it landing

- Most of the Plan is still working ok
- At current use, resource is fairly stable
 - Some areas of decline
- Risk if use increases or water activated
- Some inconsistencies or redundancies

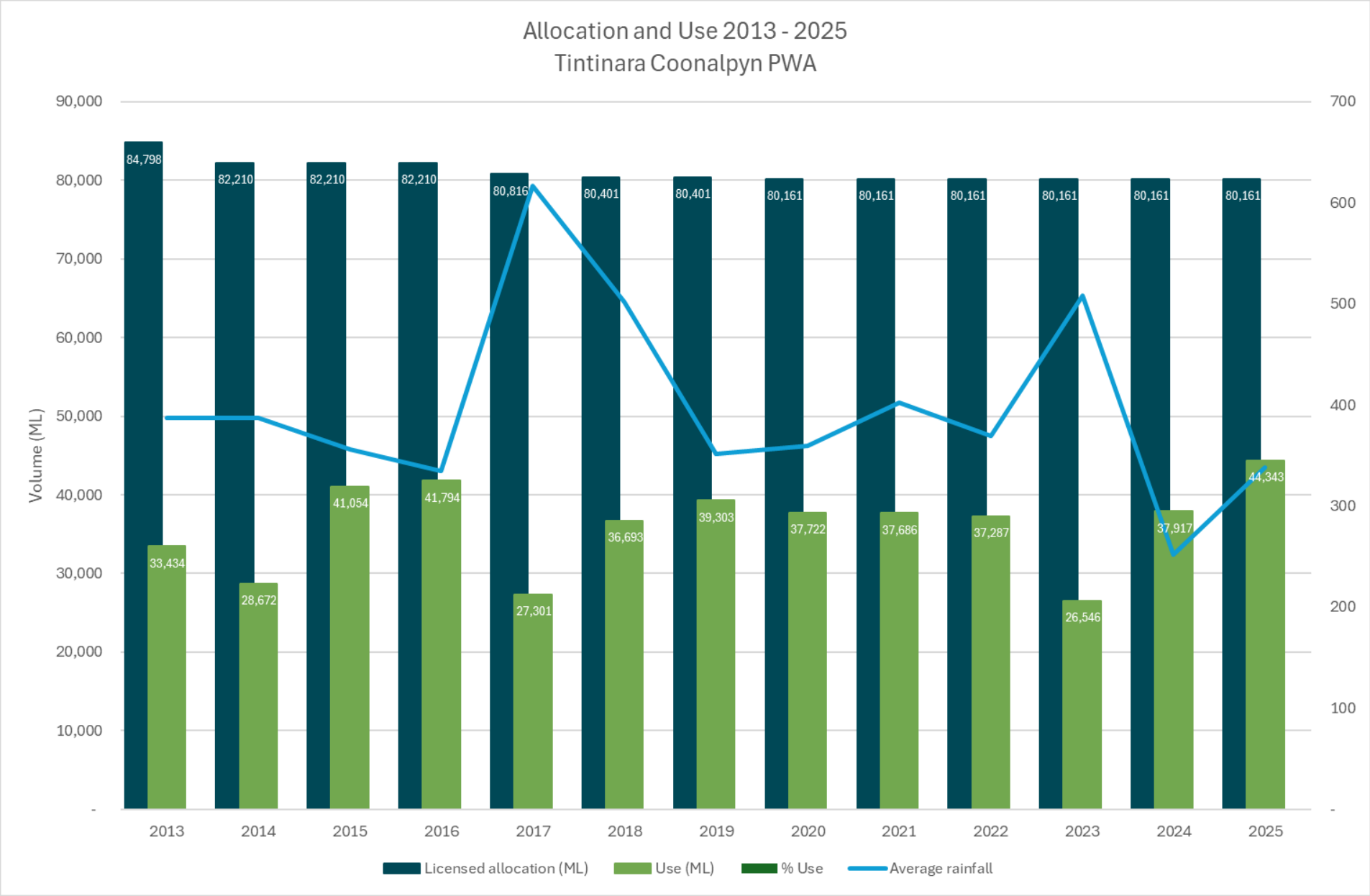


Key concepts / focus areas

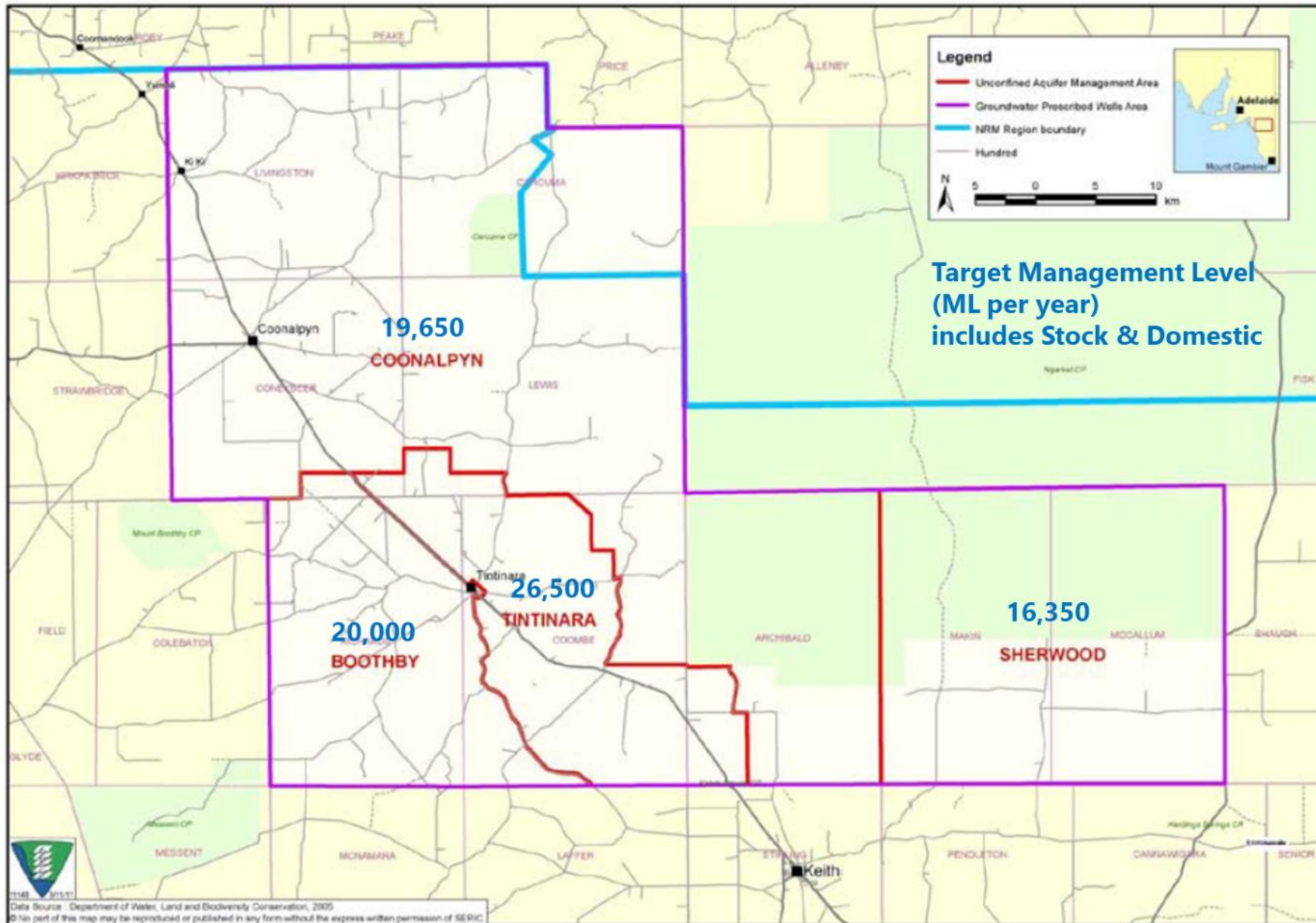
- Sustainable management
- Trade and transfer
- Environmental provisions
- Legislative and policy alignment



Licensed Allocation and Use (PWA)



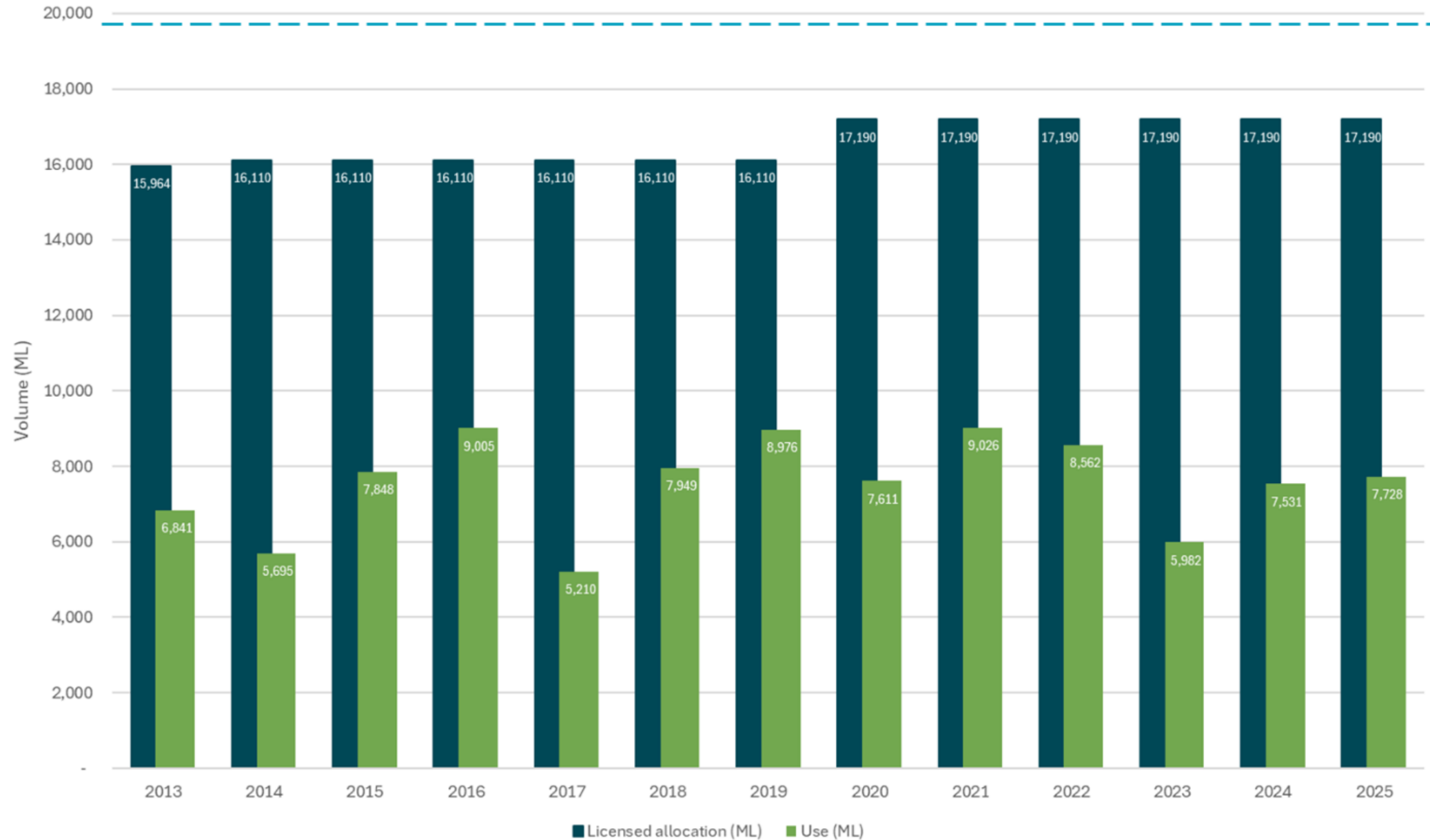
Unconfined aquifer



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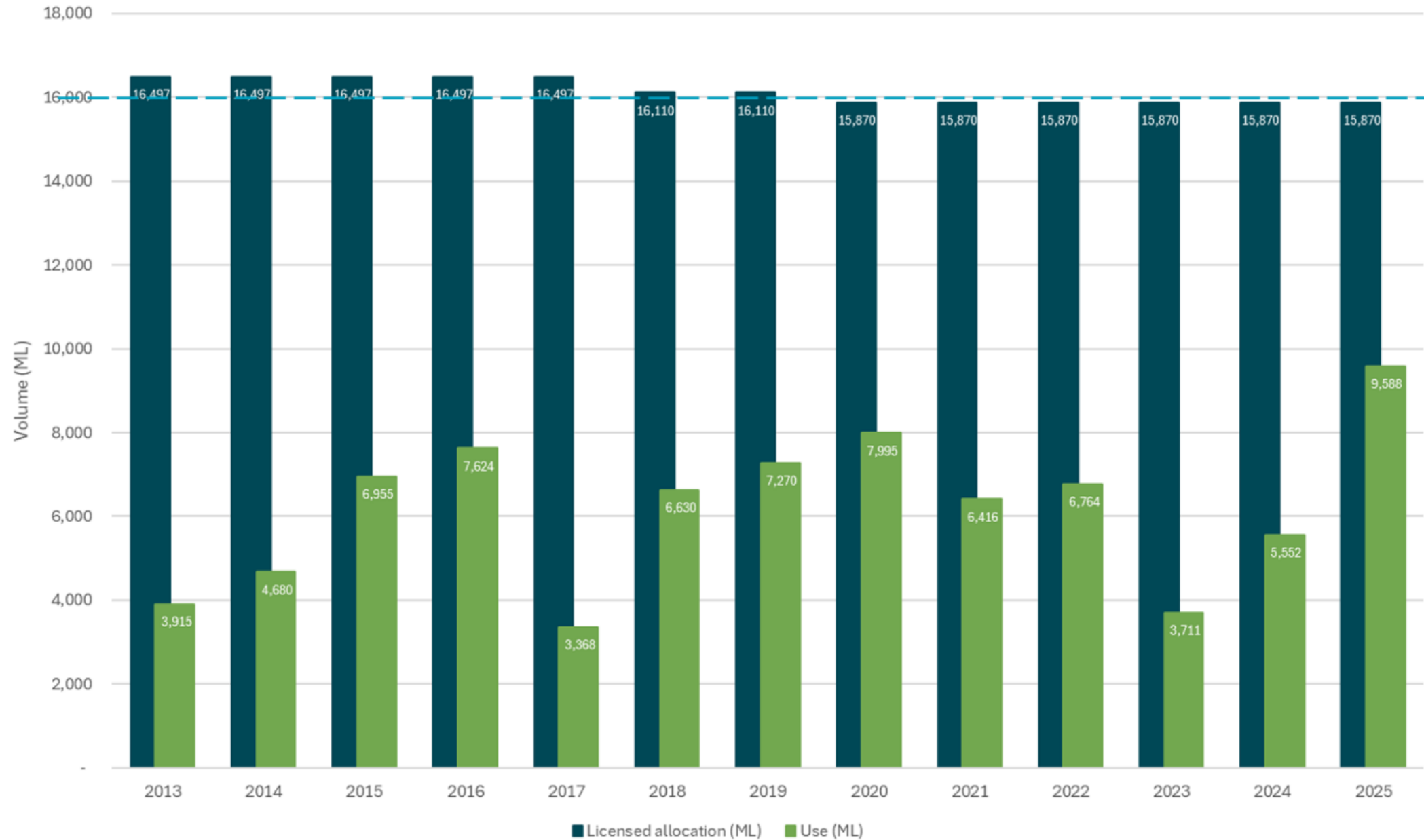
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TML



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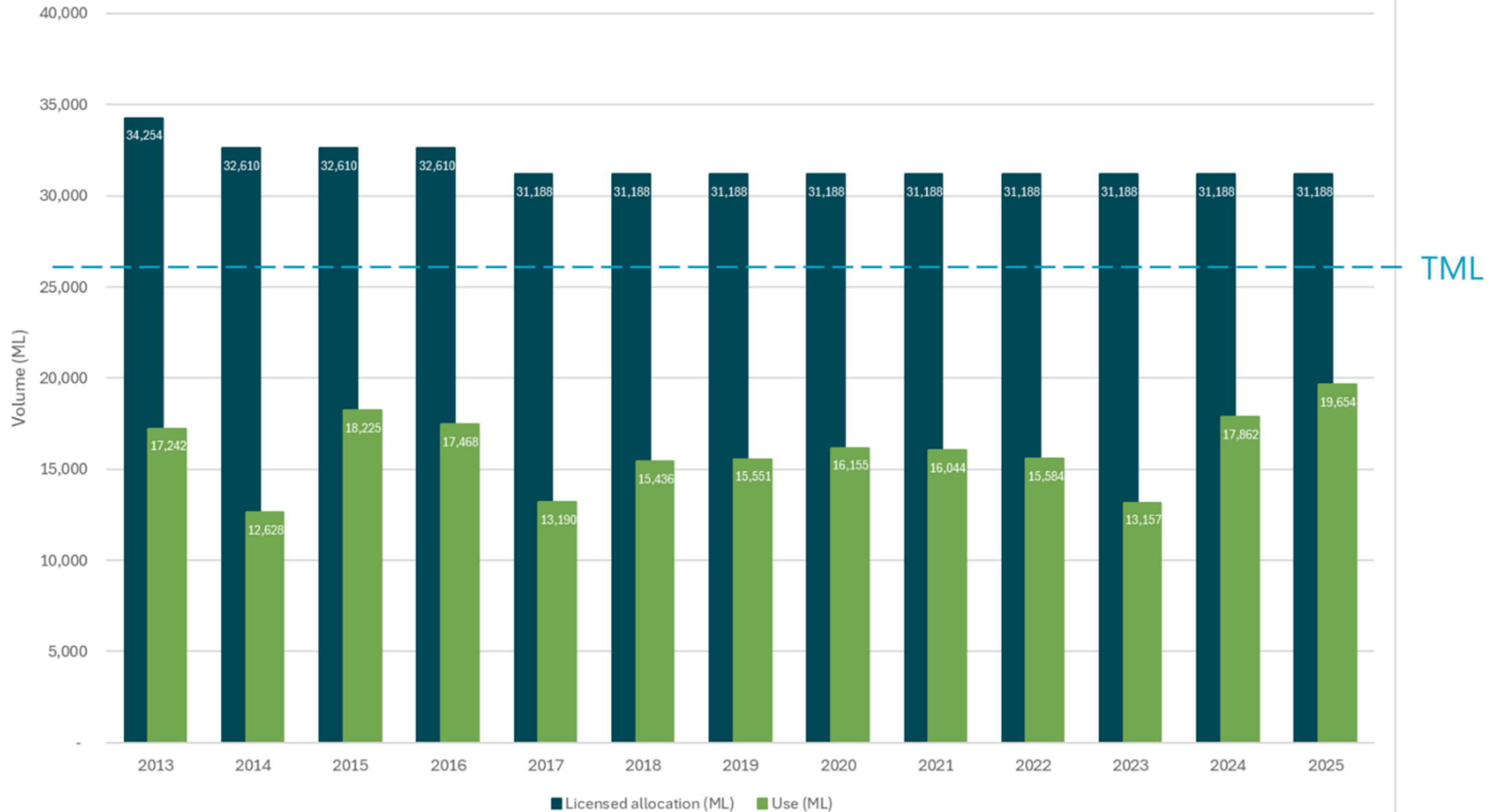
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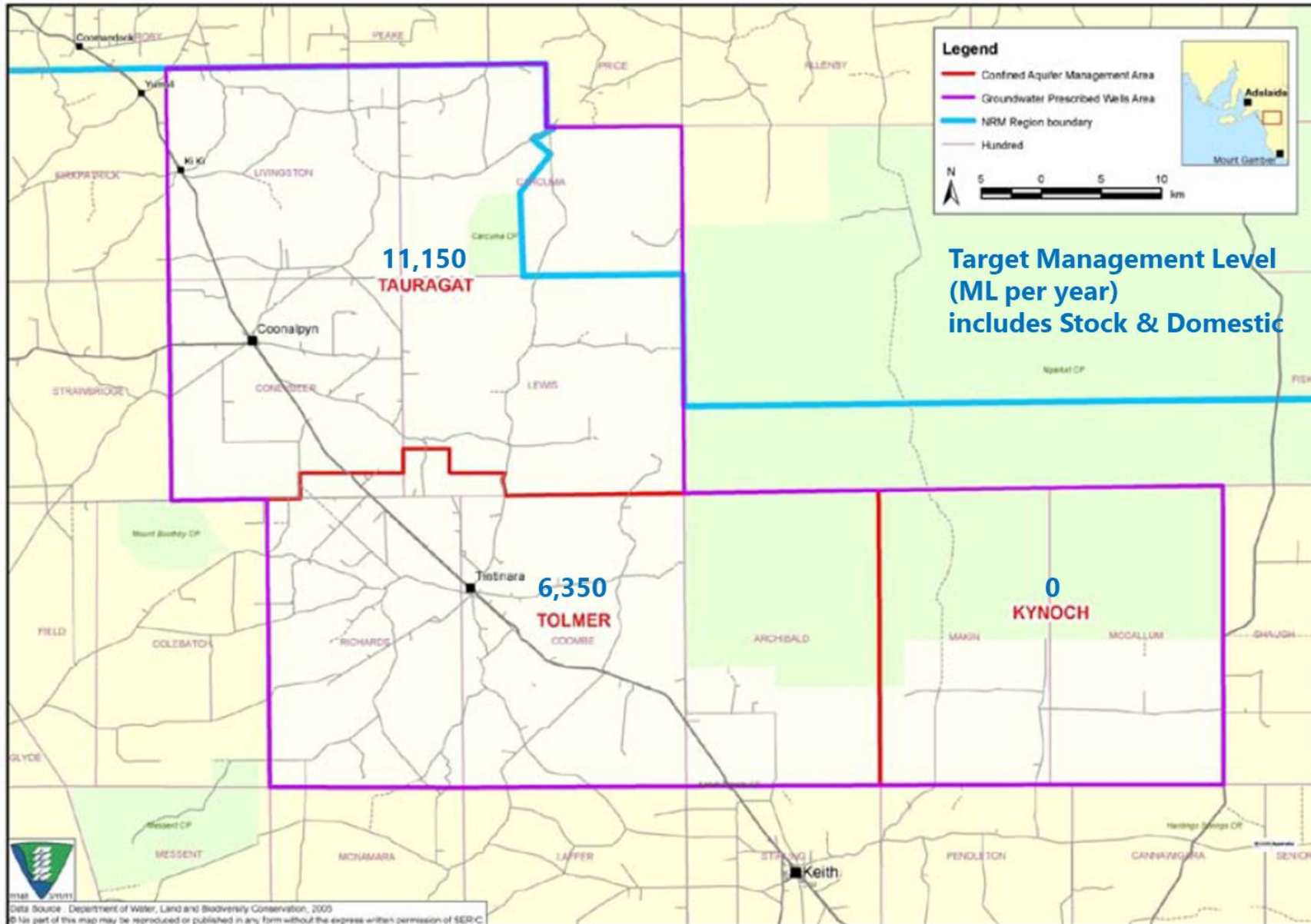
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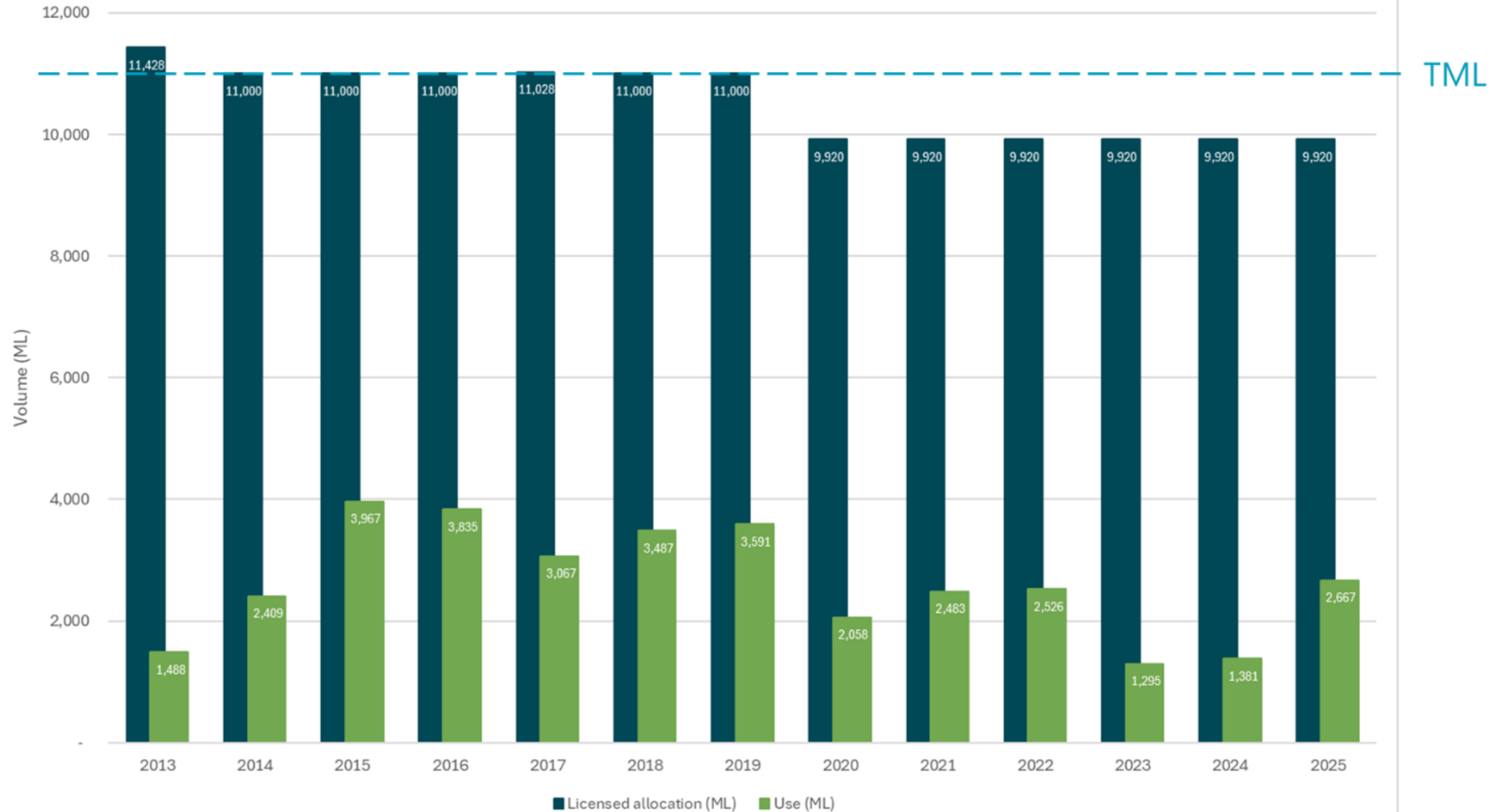


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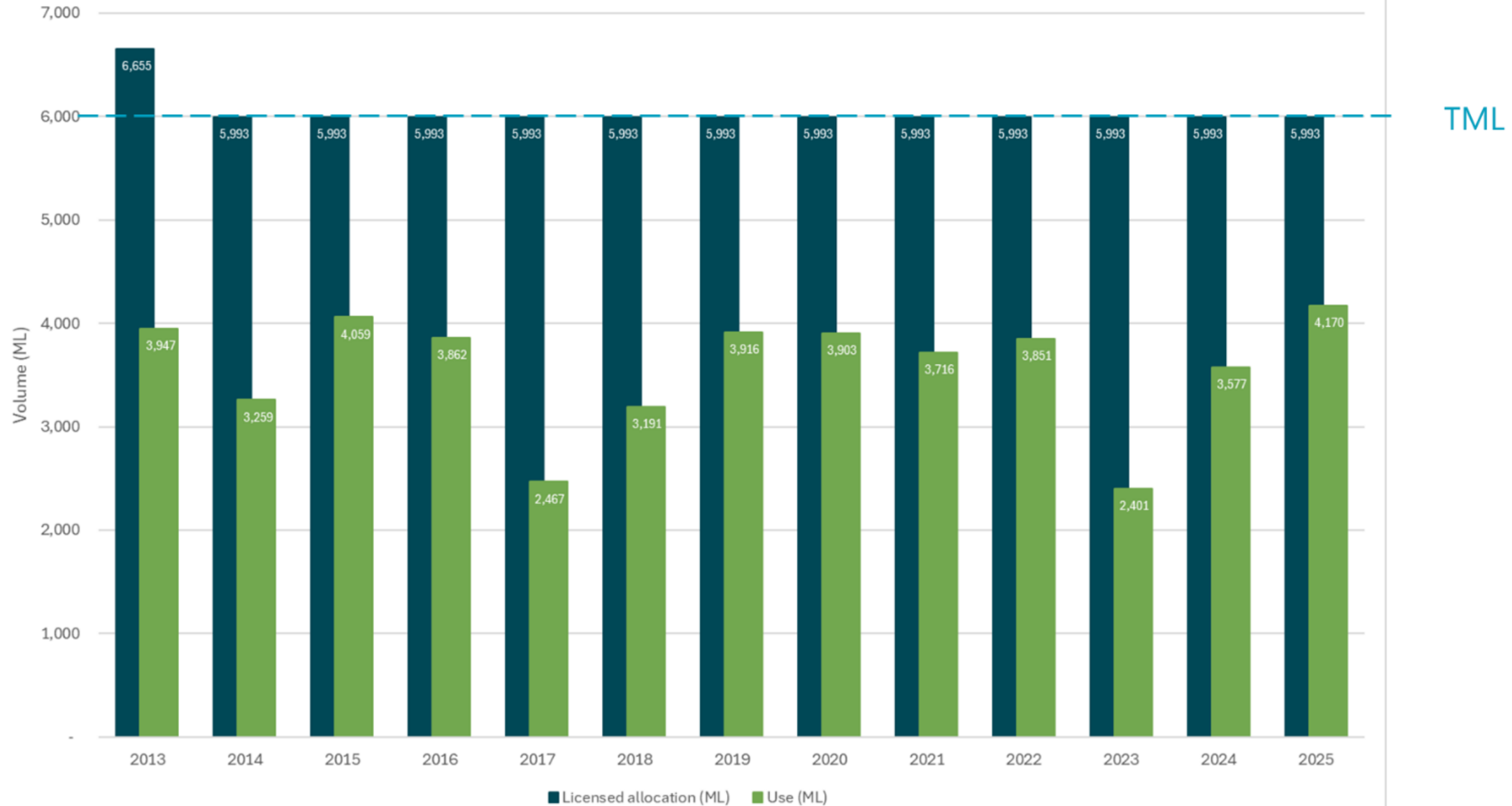
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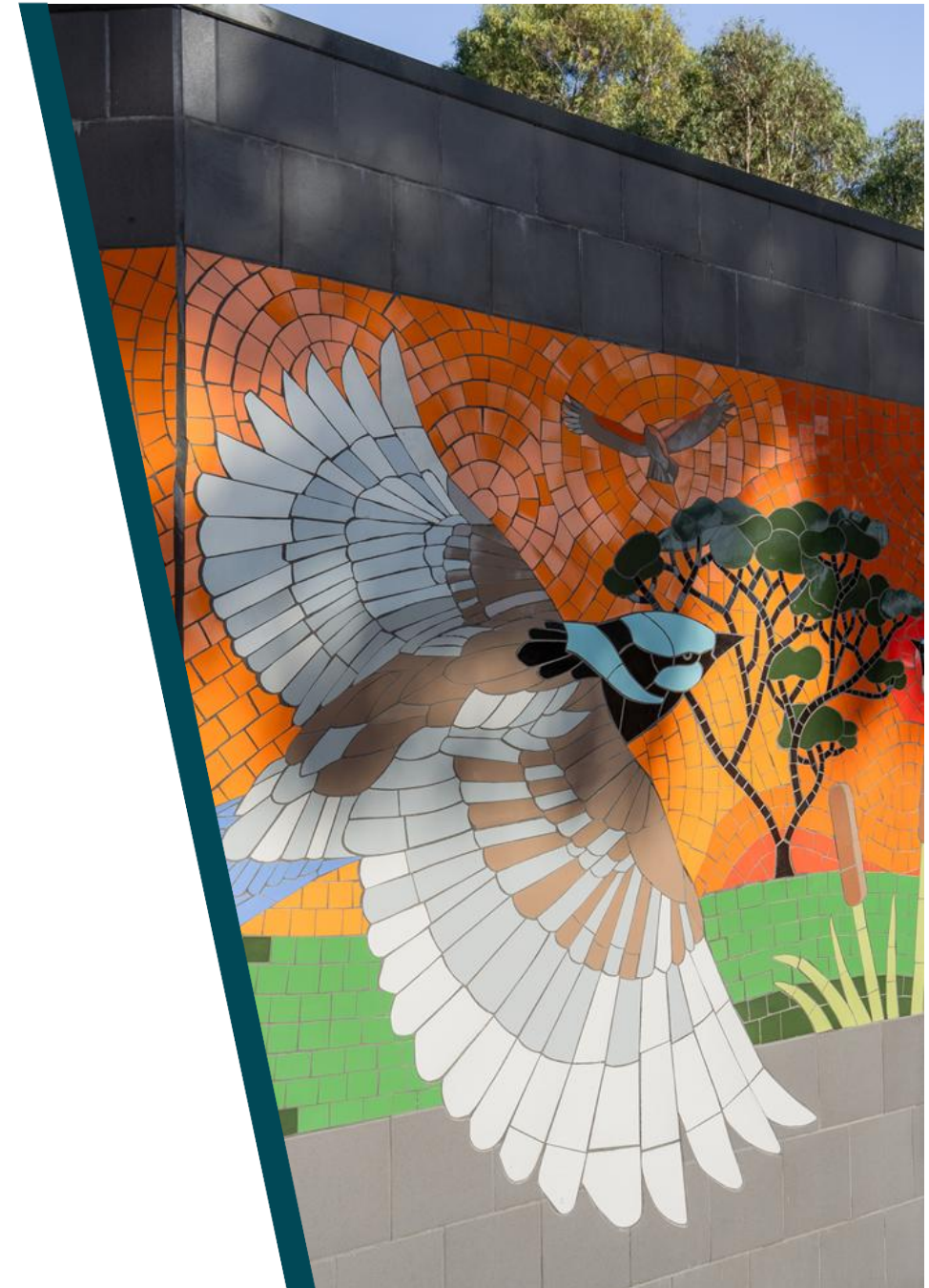
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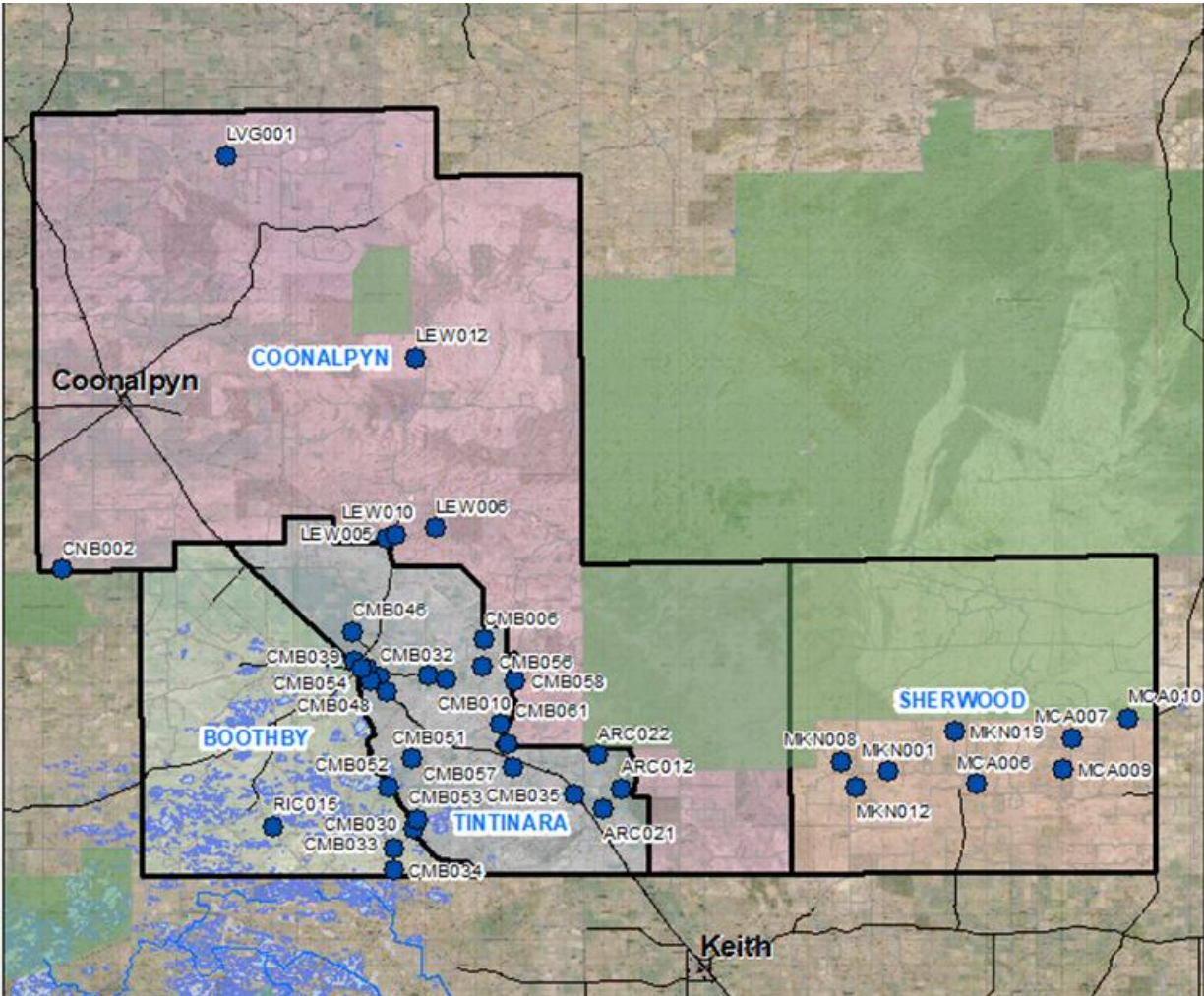
Sustainable management

- Increased and consistent monitoring is needed.
- Explore options as to how this is delivered for salinity:
 - through DEW monitoring network
 - and/or in collaboration with licence holders

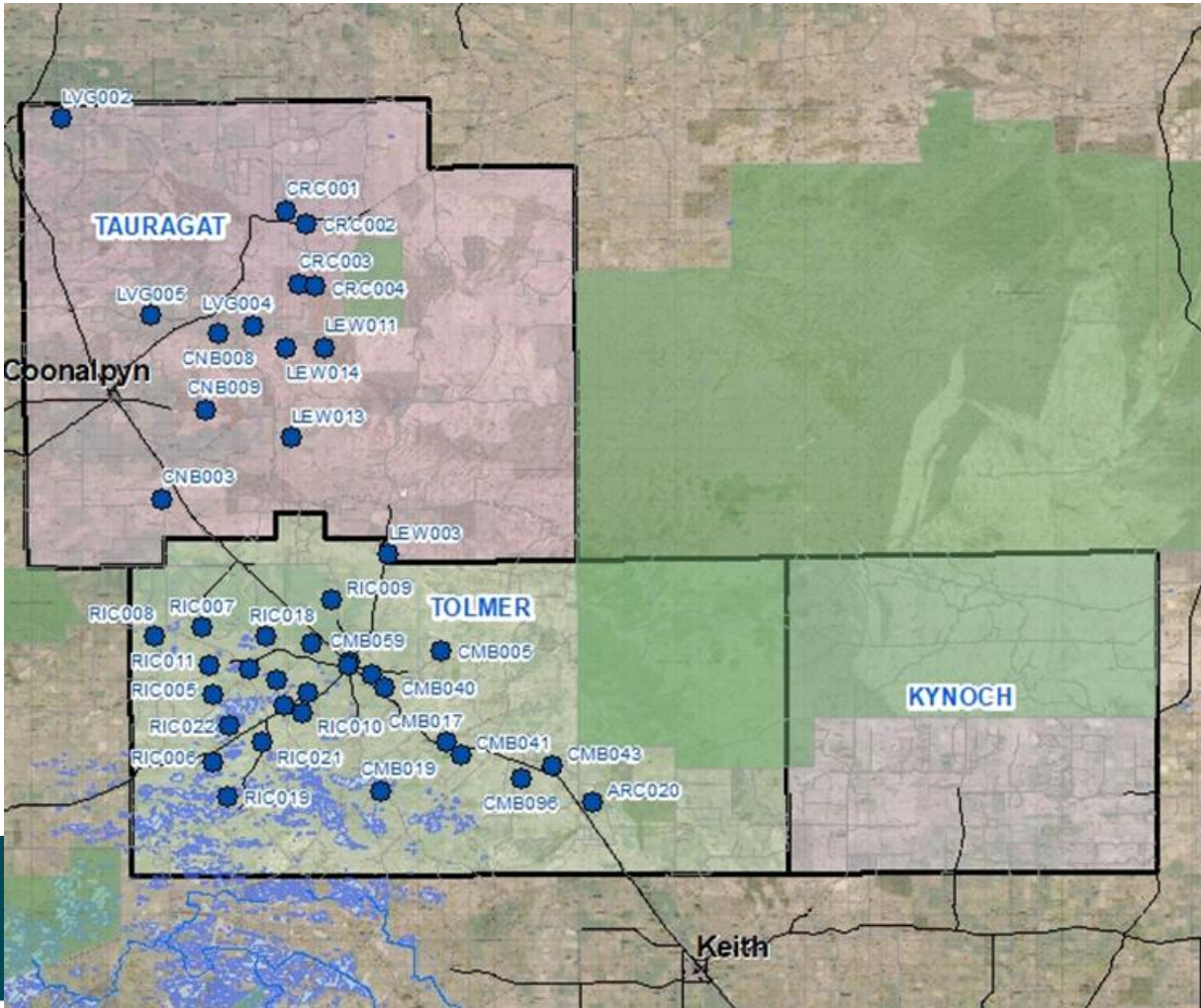


Current groundwater level monitoring observation wells

Unconfined



Confined



Sustainable management

- Current use/extraction generally maintaining stable groundwater levels
- Potential risk if use increases or water activated.
 - No current mechanisms in the Plan to manage that risk
- Localised declined in Tauragat confined MA needs further investigation.

Sustainable management

- Delivery Supplement -Flood
 - Remains relevant
- Carry over
 - Highly valued
 - Remains relevant unless resource condition declines or indicates further review needed



Sustainable management

- Stock and domestic
 - Currently unlicensed and unmetered
 - Estimated volume in TML
 - Fairly low volume and low risk to the water resource
 - Updated estimate is slightly higher



Trade and transfer

- Trade principles remain partially relevant for the PWA
- Some inconsistencies and redundant principles
- Seasonal variability and rotational crops
 - Seeking to further understand how this is used by licensees



Environmental provisions

Likely remain consistent:

- Additional work needed which doesn't appear to have been undertaken.
- Groundwater levels generally stable in Boothby where GDEs are present. No allocation or use in this MA.
- Improvement in salinity monitoring around known GDEs may be needed.



Legislative and policy alignment

- Redundant principles
- Water affecting activities policy
- Legislation
 - Consumptive pools
 - Management zones
 - Water classes
 - Authorisation instruments



What does this mean

A minor amendment could:

- 'tidy up' of inconsistencies, redundant principles and legislation alignment where required
- improve monitoring and data to support future decision making
- explore mechanisms to manage risk to the resource such as adaptive management with support of groundwater modelling.



An aerial photograph of a vast agricultural landscape. In the foreground, there are several long, parallel rows of green crops, likely corn, separated by light-colored soil paths. A dirt road runs horizontally across the middle of the image, with a line of trees and shrubs along its edge. Beyond the road, the landscape transitions into large, flat fields of golden-brown crops, possibly wheat or soybeans. The horizon is flat and distant, with a clear blue sky above. A semi-transparent teal rectangle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text "Next steps" in white.

Next steps

Review process

July

- Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting 10

Aug

- Community engagement session/s
- LC Landscape Board Governing Body

Sept

- Stakeholder Advisory Group consider community/LCLB feedback

Oct

- LC Landscape Board Governing Board formally consider evaluation

Nov-
Dec

- Minister informed of outcome of evaluation

2027

- Amendment process can commence (if applicable)



August engagement

- Community session
 - Tintinara, Wednesday 12th August 2026
- One on one sessions
 - Online, Thursday 20th August 2026
- Feedback open to 21st September 2026
 - Project page
 - Email landscapesa.tcwap@sa.gov.au



Ways to get involved

- Tintinara Coonalpyn Water Allocation Plan Review page:

- Follow for updates
- Stakeholder Advisory Group
- Monitoring well map

<https://engage.landscape.sa.com.au/tintinara-coonalpyn-water-allocation-plan-review>

- Via Stakeholder Advisory Group members





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The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of water splashing over dark, textured rocks. The water is captured in mid-air, creating numerous small droplets and bubbles. A semi-transparent teal rectangle is positioned on the right side of the image, serving as a background for the title text.

Questions



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