

Distribution Operations Licence

Water Act 2000

Name of licence

Eton Channel Scheme Distribution Operations Licence

Holder

Eton Irrigation Co-operative Limited ABN 29 615 812 505

Water plan

The licence relates to the Water Plan (Pioneer Valley) 2002.

Water infrastructure

The water infrastructure to which the licence relates is detailed in attachment 1.

Authority to take water

The licence holder is authorised to take water to the extent necessary to distribute water under water allocations.

Distribution of water allocations

1. The licence holder is authorised to take water to distribute water under water allocations in the Eton Channel Scheme.
2. The licence holder may use infrastructure of the Eton Channel System to distribute water allocations for the resource operations holder for the Pioneer River Water Supply Scheme provided the distribution of those water allocations does not impact:
 - a. the licence holder's ability to distribute the water allocations in the Eton Channel Scheme from the Eton Water Supply Scheme, or
 - b. the loss allowance available to the licence holder to distribute water allocations for the Eton Channel Scheme from the Eton Water Supply Scheme.

Conditions

1. Requirement for operations manual

- 1.1. The licence holder must operate in accordance with an approved operations manual made under this licence¹.
- 1.2. The approved operations manual must include—
 - 1.2.1. water sharing rules; and
 - 1.2.2. seasonal water assignment rules

2. Metering

- 2.1. The licence holder must meter the taking of water under all water allocations and seasonal water assignments to which the licence holder distributes water.

3. Notification requirements

- 3.1. The licence holder must comply with the requirements as detailed in attachment 2.

¹ The licence holder is required under section 198(3) of the Water Act to publish the operations manual on its website.

4. Monitoring and reporting requirements

- 4.1. The licence holder must carry out and report on the monitoring and reporting requirements as set out in attachment 3.
- 4.2. The licence holder must provide any monitoring data required under condition 4.1 to the chief executive within a stated time upon request.
- 4.3. The licence holder must ensure that the monitoring, including the measurement, collection, analysis and storage of data, is consistent with the Water Monitoring Data Collection Standards².
- 4.4. The licence holder must ensure that the transfer of data and reporting are consistent with the Water Monitoring Data Reporting Standards³.

5. Other conditions

- 5.1 The operating and supply arrangements, and the monitoring required under this licence, do not apply in situations where implementing the rules or meeting the requirements would be unsafe to a person or persons. In these circumstances, the licence holder must comply with the requirements for operational or emergency reporting prescribed in attachment 3.
- 5.2 The licence holder may at any time submit an interim program or an amendment to an existing interim program to the chief executive in accordance with attachment 4, if the holder proposes to operate in a way that does not meet the requirements of this licence.
- 5.3 Where there is conflict between the requirements of this licence and an interim program, the interim program prevails for the time it is in place.

Commencement of licence

The licence took effect on 31 March 2020

Granted under section 723 of the *Water Act 2000* on 31 March 2020



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² The Water Monitoring Data Collection Standards can be accessed online at: <www.business.qld.gov.au>

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Attachment 1 Infrastructure details for Eton Distribution Operations Licence

Table 1 – Abingdon Pump Station – Kinchant Dam

Diversion rate	
Maximum discharge rate	32 ML/day

Table 2 – Oakenden Main Channel

Diversion rate	
Maximum discharge rate	553 ML/day

Table 3 – Channel 20/1A

Diversion rate	
Maximum discharge rate	8.6 ML/day

Attachment 2 Notification requirements

1 Notification to resource operations licence holder

- (1) The licence holder must notify the resource operations licence holder for the Eton Water Supply Scheme —
 - (a) within 2 business days after the licence holder receives an application for a seasonal water assignment that requires the consent of the licence holder and resource operations licence holder; and
 - (b) within one business day after becoming aware of any operational incident or emergency that may impact the resource operations licence holder.

Attachment 3 Licence holder monitoring and reporting

Part 1 Monitoring requirements

Division 1 Water quantity

2 Water diversions

- (1) The licence holder must record the daily total volumes of water delivered to—
 - (a) Abingdon channel system;
 - (b) Oakenden Main Channel;
 - (c) Channel 20/1A
- (2) The methodology for determining the volume delivered must be approved by the chief executive.

3 Water taken by water users

The licence holder must on an annual basis, record the volume of water, including Eton Chanel Scheme distribution loss water and Pioneer River Water Supply Scheme water taken by each water user as follows—

- (a) the total volume of water taken;
- (b) the total volume of water entitled to be taken at any time; and
- (c) the basis for determining the total volume of water entitled to be taken at any time.

4 Seasonal water assignment of a water allocation

The licence holder, upon consent to a seasonal water assignment, must record details of seasonal water assignment arrangements, including—

- (a) the name of the assignee and the assignor;
- (b) the volume of the assignment;
- (c) the effective date of the seasonal water assignment.

Division 2 Data transfer

5 Data transfer to resource operations licence holder

Upon request by the resource operations licence holder, the licence holder must transfer all data measured, collected and recorded—

- (a) that is reasonably required for the resource operations licence holder to comply with the rules and requirements of attachment 3 of the resource operations licence; and
- (b) within 15 business days of a request being made, or another timeframe if agreed to by the licence holder and resource operations licence holder.

Part 2 Reporting requirements

6 Reporting requirements

The licence holder must provide—

- (a) annual reports; and
- (b) operational or emergency reports.

7 Annual report

- (1) The licence holder must submit an annual report to the chief executive after the end of the water year.
- (2) The annual report must include—
 - (a) water quantity monitoring results required under attachment 3, section 8; and
 - (b) a discussion on any issues that arose as a result of the implementation and application of the rules and requirements of this licence.

8 Water quantity monitoring

The licence holder must include in the annual report—

- (a) details of seasonal water assignments, including—
 - (i) the total number of seasonal water assignments; and
 - (ii) the total volume of water seasonally assigned;
- (b) for the water year, a summary of water taken by each supplemented water user, as follows—
 - (i) the total volume of water taken under entitlements;
 - (ii) the total volume of water entitled to be taken under the announced allocation; and
- (c) for the water year, the total annual volume of water taken by all supplemented water users, as follows—
 - (i) the total volume of supplemented water taken;
 - (ii) the total volume of supplemented water entitled to be taken; and
- (d) all details of changes to delivery infrastructure or the operation of delivery infrastructure that may impact on compliance with rules and requirements of this licence;
- (e) details of any new monitoring devices used, such as equipment to measure stream flow.

9 Operational or emergency reporting

- (1) The licence holder must notify the chief executive within one business day after becoming aware of—
 - (a) an operational incident where, as a result of the incident, the licence holder cannot comply with the conditions of this licence; and
 - (b) an emergency where, as a result of the emergency, the licence holder cannot comply with the conditions of this licence.

- (2) The licence holder must provide to the chief executive upon request, and within the timeframe requested, a report which includes details of—
- (a) the incident or emergency;
 - (b) the conditions under which the incident or emergency occurred;
 - (c) any responses or activities carried out as a result of the incident or emergency; and
 - (d) in relation to an emergency only, any requirements under this licence that the licence holder is either permanently or temporarily unable to comply with due to the emergency.

Attachment 4 Interim programs

1 Submission of interim program

The licence holder may at any time, submit an interim program or an amendment to an existing program including a timetable and interim methods to be used to the chief executive in accordance with section 184 of the *Water Act 2000*, if the holder proposes to operate in a way that is different to the requirements of this licence.

Attachment 5 Glossary

Term	Definition
Assignee	The person or entity to whom an interest or right to water is being transferred – for example, seasonally assigned.
Assignor	The person or entity who transfers an interest or right in water to an assignee – for example, a seasonal assignment.
Licence holder	The holder of the distribution operations licence for the Eton Channel Scheme.
Megalitre (ML)	One million litres.
Resource operations licence holder	The holder of the resource operations licence for the Eton Water Supply Scheme.
Water user	The holder of a valid water entitlement.
Water year	The period from 1 April to 31 March in the following year.