

Barmah Choke Trade Closed

Friday 29 July 2016



Murray Irrigation

Barmah Choke trade limit reaches zero

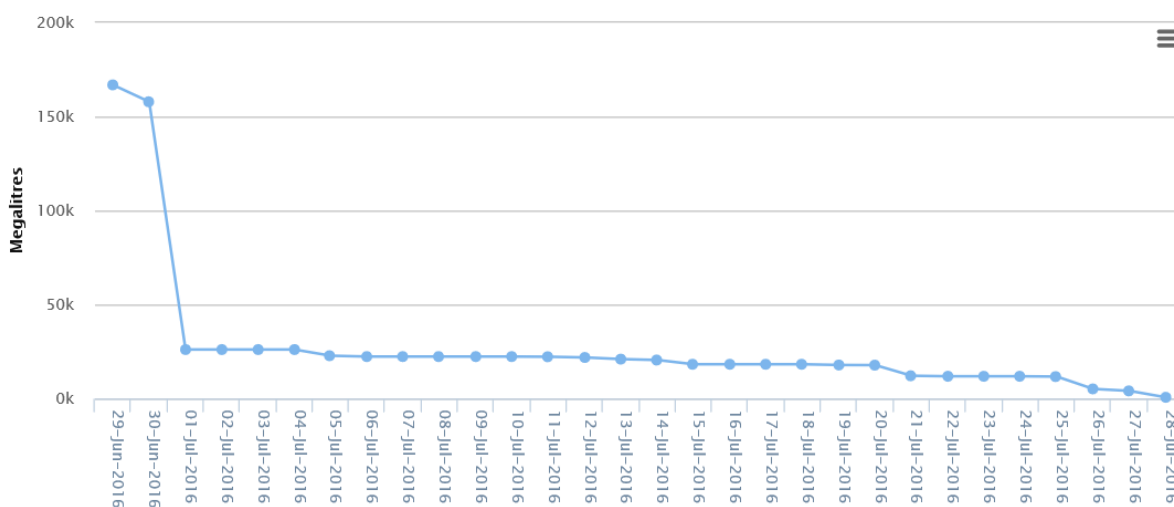
The MDBA today announced the volume of trade permitted to be traded from upstream of Barmah Choke to downstream has reached zero.

Trade from above the Barmah Choke to below the choke is restricted to protect delivery of water downstream. This means people upstream of the choke can sell water to buyers downstream of the choke, only if the same or greater volume of water has been transferred from downstream to upstream of the choke.

The Murray Irrigation Water Access Licence is classified as upstream of the choke, while the Edward, Wakool and Niemur Rivers are classified as downstream. Therefore, customers with a Murray Irrigation Licence and a River Access Licence downstream will not be able to transfer water from their Murray Irrigation licence until trade reopens through a downstream to upstream transfer.

The trade balance resets, taking into account Snowy water savings, each year on 1 July as indicated in the graph below.

Barmah Choke Graph



For more information on Barmah Choke trade go to:

www.mdba.gov.au/managing-water/water-markets-trade/interstate-water-trade/barmah-choke-trade-balance

Murray Irrigation will provide customers with further information about water availability, seasonal conditions and the Snowy Advance on Monday 1 August with the updated allocation announcement.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Renehan'.

Michael Renehan
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