Water Trading rules

INFORMATION REQUEST 10

The Commission is seeking information on:

a. whether the Basin Plan trading rules advance the water trading objectives and outcomes stated in chapter 5 of the Plan
b. whether changes to state trading rules made to date as part of implementation of the Basin Plan adequately recognise and protect the environment and third party interests
c. whether implementation of the Basin Plan has improved access to market information and what further actions Basin States, irrigation infrastructure operators or the MDBA might need to take
d. whether processes for reviewing Basin State trading rules — including the roles of the MDBA and the water trade working group — are sufficiently transparent, evidence-based and consultative

Would like clarification of Trading Rules and transparency, evidence-based and consultation?

January 2018 CEWH traded Environmental water by Tender 11/1/2018. In question the transparency and consultation of 22% over allocation of Environmental Water in this trade!

1/. When Water Holder released a media release for sale by tender of environment water. What are the GL % variance limitation set and authorised by the Water Holder without transparency, notification or consultation?

2/. Why was there a registered trade (18/1/2018) 7 days after the tender period which closed 11 January 2018 @ 2pm? Did this trade meet the trading rules on: transparency and consultation prior to being traded outside the tender process?

3/. Why was over 34% more environmental water traded than announced in 5th January 2018 media release of call to tenders?

Evidence:

- Past trades
  Gwydir regulated allocation sale – January 2018
  The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder has completed two (2) trades, resulting in the sale of 6,700 megalitres (ML) of Commonwealth environmental water in the Gwydir for a return of $2,878,400 for the Murray Darling environment. The volume weighted average price (VWAP): of successful bids was $429.61 per ML. The last trade was registered on 18 January 2018... [https://www.environment.gov.au/water/cewo/trade/trading-outcomes](https://www.environment.gov.au/water/cewo/trade/trading-outcomes)