



Obtaining Information on Market Prices

The Department will buy entitlements from willing sellers on a value for money basis with reference to prevailing market prices. These will vary across catchments and between entitlement types.

The Department strongly advises that applicants obtain independent market and financial advice when deciding on their offer price for their entitlement type. To assist potential applicants in finding price information that may help in deciding their offer price the following information is provided.

The NSW and Victorian governments provide information on recent trades of entitlements within their states on the following publicly available website. For Queensland there has been very limited trade and therefore there is limited price information.

NSW

wma.dnr.nsw.gov.au/wma/index.jsp

Victoria

www.waterregister.vic.gov.au/Public/Reports/WaterTrading.aspx

Queensland

www.nrw.qld.gov.au/water/trading/market_info.html

South Australia

The South Australian government does not currently have a website of trades. Manual interrogation of transfer applications or the state register itself is required. The following link may provide some general information: www.dwlbc.sa.gov.au/index.html.

Australian Government

To help applicants find price information, the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts is providing a summary of the prices being paid for water entitlements across the Murray-Darling Basin. This information has been supplied by independent consultants and will be updated quarterly. It can be found here:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/water/mdb/entitlement-purchasing/market-prices.html>

Other information sources

Water brokers or real estate agents may also be able to provide expert advice on the price of recent trades or the current market value of entitlements.

National Water Commission – Australian Water Markets Report

The Australian Water Markets Report is a review of the 2007-2008 water year. It functions as a statement of past activity and highlights trends and market activity over the course of the entire water year. It can be accessed here:

<http://www.nwc.gov.au/www/html/804-water-markets-report.asp?intSiteID=1>