

Notice

To Lodging Parties

8 April 2022

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Closure of the Bills of Sale Register and Migration of Current Bills of Sale to the State Water Register

Notice to Lodging Parties [No. 216](#) advised that the *Bills of Sale (Registration of Water Interests) Variation Regulations 2019* had amended regulation 6(1) of the *Bills of Sale Regulations 2009* to extend the date that Bills of Sale over water licences could be registered until 30 June 2022.

Lodging parties are now advised that at the close of business 30 June 2022 the Bills of Sale Register at Land Services SA will close and current Bills of Sale over water licences will be migrated to, and become registered security interests on, the State Water Register (SWR). Bills of Sale that are current at the time of migration will remain available from Land Services SA for a minimum period of 5 years.

From 1 July 2022 security interests over water licences should be lodged on the SWR administered by the Department of Environment and Water (DEW).

DEW administers the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* and *Landscape South Australia (Water Register) Regulations 2020*. This legislation enables the SWR and from 1 July 2022, provides for the registration and discharge of security interests, caveats and other administrative improvements to the SWR.

In the lead up to 1 July 2022, DEW will facilitate a transition program to the new environment and work with lodging parties to:

1. Confirm the currency of Bills of Sale over water licences, and
2. Educate lodging parties in the new business process requirements.

Bills of Sale and associated dealings, such as discharges, during the two weeks leading up to Thursday 30 June 2022 must be lodged through face to face (not via drop and go) at Land Services SA. Where possible, lodgements in the last 4 days should be avoided, particularly postal lodgements. A document not received and registrable by close of business 30 June 2022 will not be processed by Land Services SA and will have to be lodged as a security interest on the SWR.

To further assist with this transition, DEW requests lodging parties register their interest to learn more and participate in the transition process by emailing DEW.WaterLicensingProjects@sa.gov.au, as soon as possible.

DEW officers will also be in contact with Bill of Sale grantees in April 2022 with further information.

Please direct any queries regarding the transition process to Adam West from the DEW Water Licensing Branch on email: DEW.WaterLicensingProjects@sa.gov.au, telephone: (08) 8463 3752, or mobile: 0422 004 720.



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