



What is a Delivery Right (DR)

Delivery Rights, issued by an Irrigation Trust, represent an irrigator's share in the capacity of a Trusts pumping and pipeline infrastructure. DR's are a key component in the unbundling of water rights and provide flexibility for irrigators to manage them separately from their Irrigation rights.

Issue of DR

DR's are issued by Trusts, initially on separation of water rights relative to existing water rights held, and subsequently on application.

- DR's are allocated on a megalitre basis.
- DR's are allocated to an owner of an irrigation outlet associated with a defined land parcel(s).
- The minimum number of DR that can be held is 5 megalitres.
- DR's limit the volume of water that can be extracted at an outlet per annum, unless otherwise agreed with the Trust.
- Issue of DR's is subject to individual Trust and Pool DR limits, and delivery of water in respect a DR must be hydraulically possible.
- Where a Trust holds unallocated DR's these will be issued, subject to Trust approval, for a \$0.00 value.

Transfer of DR

Transfer of DR's facilitates the movement of rights amongst holders subject to Trust approval. It provides flexibility to reduce or increase DR holdings to meet individual requirements and does not require an associated Irrigation Right transfer.

- The transfer of DR's is subject to Trust approval, and delivery of water in respect a DR must be hydraulically possible.
- DR's may be transferred to another owner where there is no change in the outlet and land parcels associated with the DR.
- DR's may be transferred to another outlet within the same DR pool.
- DR's may be transferred into another DR pool within the same Trust where the transfer does not result in the volume of DR in the receiving pool exceeding the DR pool limit.
- DR may be temporarily transferred into another pool in another Trust under very limited circumstances where no ownership change occurs and approval of the transfer does not result in the volume of DR in the receiving Trust/pool exceeding the Trust or pool DR limit.
- Any payment between the parties to the DR transfer should be negotiated by the parties.

Termination

Should a DR holder no longer wish to retain some or all of your DR's, the surplus DR's can either be transferred to another person or terminated to your Trust. However there is no guarantee that a terminated DR will be available for reissue to the terminating outlet or owner.

DR termination requires formal application to your Trust, and is subject to payment to the Trust of a termination fee to 10 times the annual service charge.

Where terminated DR are reissued to a terminating outlet held by the terminating owner the Trust will pro-rata refund termination fees paid by that owner in respect those reissued DR.



DR and Property Sales

When a property with related DR's is sold it is critical that DR holders and/or their Conveyancer provide advice to the Trust on the CIT application form to confirm what is to occur with the DR. Whilst this will depend on the specific circumstances of each property transfer, available options are:

1. All or portion of the DR can be transferred to the new property owner, or
2. All or portion of the DR are transferred to another outlet/land parcel, or
3. All or portion of the DR can be terminated.

Until such time as an application to vary a DR holding has been approved DR will continue to attract a quarterly Service Fee.

To confirm the DR's held against a property you should request a "Certificate of Allocation" from CIT.

DR and Security

If a person holds Irrigation Rights (permanent water) which are less than 20% of their DR the Trust will ask for security to the value of the potential termination fee liability to protect the Trusts interest.

- Security can be provided to the Trust in one or more of the following forms:
 1. a charge over an Irrigation Right held within a CIT Trust;
 2. a charge over a Water Access Entitlement under same/different ownership held on a Private Licence;
 3. a guarantee given by an authorised deposit taking institution;
 4. a deposit lodged with Central Irrigation Trust;
 5. an encumbrance registered over land parcels of which the Delivery Rights are held;
 6. another form, subject to agreement of the Central Irrigation Trust.
- Where a land encumbrance is used to secure a DR termination fee liability, for security purposes DR's will be limited to 12 megalitres per hectare unless otherwise agreed with the Trust.

DR Applications

An application to the Trust for issue or transfer a DR must be in a form approved by the Trust (application form), and no application fee applies.

DR Fees and Charges

The following table provides a list of the fees and charges applicable for 2026-27 applications related to dealings with DR's.

Service Charge per ML of DR per annum (collected quarterly)	
Golden Heights Irrigation Trust	\$50.90
Sunlands Irrigation Trust	\$65.40
All other remaining CIT Trusts	\$33.40
Title Search Fee (per Land Title)	\$25.00
Termination Fee on Delivery Rights per ML (if applicable)	
Golden Heights Irrigation Trust	\$559.90 (GST incl)
Sunlands Irrigation Trust	\$719.40 (GST incl)
All other remaining CIT Trusts	\$367.40 (GST incl)