ARE AUSTRALIA’S WATER MARKETS INTEGRATED?

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Well yes, but no
WHERE IS WATER TRADED?
WHY IS WATER TRADED HERE?
MURRAY DARLING BASIN

39% OF NATIONAL INCOME derived from agricultural production in the basin
MURRAY DARLING BASIN BREAKDOWN

100% OF AUSTRALIA’S RICE

94% OF AUSTRALIA’S COTTON

80% OF AUSTRALIA’S GRAPES
MURRAY DARLING BASIN BREAKDOWN

54% of Australia’s apples
96% of Australia’s oranges
53% of Australia’s cereals
MURRAY DARLING BASIN BREAKDOWN

28% OF AUSTRALIA’S CATTLE

45% OF AUSTRALIA’S SHEEP

62% OF AUSTRALIA’S PIGS
WHAT IS WATER TRADING?
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FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

• Cap on extraction
• Unbundling of title between water and land
• Unbundling of elements of water
• Structure and regulation
• Water sharing plan/rules around allocation
• Clarity of rules that facilitate the transfer of permanent and temporary water rights between water licence holders.
• Way for irrigators to interact and transfer rights/trade
WATER TRADING EVOLUTION

INTERMEDIARY WATER EXCHANGE

BENEFITS

- Transparency
- Legal Structured Contracts
- Equal Information = working market
- Access to a greater volume of water parcels
- Experienced team acting on your behalf
- Conveyancing to complete all paperwork
WHY DO WE NEED WATER TRADING?
AUSTRALIA’S IMPROVING WATER MANAGEMENT

2008
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2012
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WHO IS WATERFINDD?
WATER MARKET INNOVATION IN AUSTRALIA
PIONEERING THE ONLINE WATER MARKETS

**WATER LICENCE**
Stipulates how much water can be taken out of a river system and is often aligned with a property.

**ALLOCATIONS**
Government appointed Water Authorities allocate the volume of water that can be taken from a river system as a percentage.

**COMPLIANCE**
Government appointed Water Authorities provide specific trading rules that govern licence in relation to their licences.

**WATER NEEDS**
Water users identify specific volumes of water that they required for the irrigation season.

**WATER MARKETS**
Water markets facilitate the trading of water between two parties. Waterfind provides the most extensive water market in Australia.
ACCESSIBILITY
Access the market anytime, anywhere, on any web enabled mobile device

LIVE MARKET
Trade online instantly

MARKET INFO
Make informed decisions based on free, relevant & timely market data
CONCLUSIONS
IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE VALUE OF OUTPUT/ ML

- Pre '07-08 Drought: $360
- 2014: $700
QUESTIONS