

APPLICATION FORM

AMENDING A DEFINED PASTORAL LEASE STOCKING MAXIMUM

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This application form is to be completed by lessees requesting an **AMENDMENT TO A DEFINED PASTORAL LEASE STOCKING MAXIMUM**. **If you have more than one lease, a single application form detailing the specifics for each individual lease may be submitted.**

The application process for an increase in the defined stocking maximum will occur as a staged approach over 5 years.

During this period, a review of land condition at set intervals will inform the Board's decision making to determine an appropriate change to a lease's stocking maximum.

An annual monitoring and reporting process will need to be established by the applicant as part of the application process, detailing stock and paddock management, and land condition details at selected monitoring (photopoint) sites.

Clear and accurate reporting supports the Pastoral Board consideration of the request and its final determination of an amendment to the lease stocking maximum.

Far North Prescribed Wells Area (FNPWA) – Through the Water Allocation Plan, unallocated water in the area has not been authorised for release and there is currently no additional water available to release for stock use. Therefore, the Pastoral Board is unable to consider applications for amendments to increase the defined lease stock maximum for leases within the FNPWA at this time.

Applications requesting a stocking maximum increase more than 25% of the existing maximum listed on the lease title may be required to provide additional information to support their application.

The Board acknowledges that lessees require confidence in the decision-making process to enable implementation of infrastructure developments and/or changes to management practices.

This form must be signed personally by the applicant(s) or, if a company, in accordance with section 127 of the *Corporations Act 2001* regarding authorised signatories.

Submit this form and accompanying information to Pastoral Unit, DEW, GPO Box 1047, Adelaide SA 5001, or via email: DEW.Pastoral@sa.gov.au. For inquiries, please email or call (08) 8429 0333.

A property or management unit may comprise of more than one lease. While requests for an amendment to the stock maximum for multiple leases can be submitted on one application form, each lease will attract an application fee. **A fee of \$546 will be payable per lease.** A fee invoice will be issued on receipt of application. The fee is a single payment for the term of the application (a single fee per lease applied for the entire approval process over the 5-year period). Other fees may be required for approvals by other regulatory bodies.



Before submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to consider:

- Pastoral Board Guideline – *Amending a Defined Pastoral Lease Stocking Maximum – July 2025*
- *Monitoring Guide for Stock Maximum Request July 2025*
- *South Australian Pastoral Lease Handbook – December 2024*
- *Get up to date with waterpoint approvals on SA's pastoral land – December 2024*



LEASE DETAILS

Station / Property name				
Lease(s) name (must be completed on individual lease basis)	Lease 1	Lease 2	Lease 3	Lease 4
PE (lease) number				

LESSEE DETAILS

Registered lessee	
Primary contact name	
Contact details (email and phone)	

If form is being lodged on behalf of applicants

Full name	
Business name (if applicable)	
Contact details (email and phone)	

I/We hereby request a change to lease conditions, specifically to seek an amendment to increase in the defined pastoral lease stock maximum. I/We acknowledge that should the Pastoral Board accept the application, it will provide a staged approach of temporary stock maximum approvals to assist in considering the request over a 5-year period before making a final determination on amending the lease conditions by increasing the defined stock maximum

I/We accept liability for any amount owing to the Department for Environment and Water in respect to the subject land to process this request.

I/We declare the particulars supplied on this application form to be true and correct.



APPLICANT 1

Signature	
Name	
Date	

APPLICANT 2

Signature	
Name	
Date	

Note - This form must be signed personally by the applicant(s), or if a company, in accordance with section 127 of the Corporations Act 2001 regarding authorised signatories.

If there are additional signatures required, please attach additional pages as required.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Part 1: Lease details and request

Please note that, by submitting this application, you are requesting an amendment to your defined lease(s) stock maximum as part of a staged process, with a staged temporary increase applied pursuant to section 22(6)(b) of the *Pastoral Land Management and Conservation Act 1989*, before a change in the defined stock maximum will be considered.

If multiple leases are combined as one station, you must provide specific details for each individual lease in Part 1 of the application. Part 2 - Water and Stock Management Strategy can be submitted collectively for all leases that form part of the management unit or station.

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Current stock maximum (include sheep or cattle equivalents)																																								
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Reason for seeking an increase (NOTE: infrastructure changes and future development plans will need to have been or will be done in accordance with all other corresponding legislation)	☐ Changed management practices ☐ Improved infrastructure development ☐ Future development program ☐ Other (please specify):																																							
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Have you, or any of the leases that form the basis of the application, been or are currently subject to any compliance action under any legislation in relation to the management of the lease? *	☐ No ☐ Yes (provide details):																																							



Part 2: Water and Stock Management Strategy

Lessees are required to provide information about the existing water and stock management strategy and proposed changes to enable the sustainable management of the pastoral enterprise under the new stock maximum. The strategy must contain sufficient information to support the Board's consideration of the stock maximum application. Where information may be held by the Department for Environment and Water, please contact the Pastoral Unit for any updates and information that may assist in the application.

Where multiple leases form part of the management unit, a combined strategy including all leases may be completed as a single application.

Summary of Water and Stock Management Strategy Components

- Paddock plans with requested information (contact the Pastoral Unit for the most recent electronic maps)
 - Current and proposed infrastructure plans
 - Active waterpoints (natural and constructed)
 - Changes to permanent waterpoints
- Landscape and vegetation community descriptions
 - Pasture monitoring
 - Land system carrying capacity
- Stock management
 - Stock numbers
- Total grazing pressure (including livestock, overabundant native species and pest animal species)
- Pest plant and animal management
- Drought management strategy
- Baseline photographic evidence



Paddock plans – clearly identify existing and proposed changes to property infrastructure	
Fencing - Existing - Proposed	- General description of type and condition of fencing. - Boundary – fencing type and condition - Internal – fencing type and condition - Clearly identify current paddock plan layout and any updates required. - New or realigned paddock fencing. - Indicate changes and planned development options on paddock plan - Describe fencing construction type
Waterpoints Existing Proposed	- General description of the active stock water types across the property (mainly bores and reticulated pipelines or limited bore capacity, predominantly dams). - Clearly identify functional waterpoints (natural and constructed) on paddock plan, including relevant location coordinates. - Waterpoints not marked on existing maps, please provide map update and date of installation (month and/or year where possible). - Clearly mark new waterpoints on paddock plan (replacement of existing waters should be included). Ensure appropriate approvals and authorisations have been obtained for development of new waterpoints or modification to existing waterpoints, which may also contribute to a change in grazing practices. Refer to “<i>Get up to date with waterpoint approvals</i>” for more information on what approvals may be required under other legislation see link Get Up To Date With Waterpoint Approvals



Landscape and vegetation types	
Landscape	• Provide landsystems map and description of the dominant landscapes on the lease (contact the Pastoral Unit for the most recent electronic maps).
Vegetation communities	• Describe the main perennial vegetation communities on your property (these can be taken from the pastoral land systems map and Soil Conservation Board district plans). ○ Saltbush, bluebush and neverfail on the flats, native pine and mulga dunes with hopbush and grasses on sandy dunes, myall over bluebush, mitchell grass and katoora on gibber plains.
Significant vegetation communities	• Identify if there are any plant species, vegetation communities or sites of conservation significance. ○ If present, please describe the management actions that will be taken to minimise grazing effects. ○ These online tools may help: ▪ NatureMaps Home (environment.sa.gov.au) ▪ Protected Matters Search Tool - DCCEEW
Pastoral production	• Describe the key vegetation species that stock utilise.
Pasture condition	• Describe the indicators you would use in determining if a decline in vegetation condition is occurring and the actions taken to address the decline. ○ Increase in unpalatable species or a decline in palatable species at distances for water. • Describe the indicators that are used to identify the recovery in vegetation condition ○ Recruitment of palatable species or an increase in particular species.



Stock management																											
Stock numbers	- With the initial application, provide the current stock numbers and placements either per waterpoint, or per paddock. You will be required to subsequently provide these updated figures with each annual reporting period. - List paddocks (name and area km²) and functional waters. - List the current and proposed stock numbers per water and stock per paddock. <u>Example</u> <table><thead><tr><th><u>Paddock Name</u></th><th><u>Area km²</u></th><th><u>Total Number of Stock</u></th><th><u>Stock/ km²</u></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Big Tank</td><td>64</td><td>390</td><td>6.1</td></tr></tbody></table> <table><thead><tr><th><u>Number of Active Waters</u></th><th><u>Stock / water</u></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>3</td><td>130</td></tr></tbody></table> <table><thead><tr><th><u>Water Name</u></th><th><u>Stock per water</u></th><th>NOTES</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Eager</td><td>0</td><td>Bore turned off for maintenance</td></tr><tr><td>Handlebar</td><td>200</td><td>wethers</td></tr><tr><td>Bottomless</td><td>190</td><td>wethers</td></tr></tbody></table>			<u>Paddock Name</u>	<u>Area km²</u>	<u>Total Number of Stock</u>	<u>Stock/ km²</u>	Big Tank	64	390	6.1	<u>Number of Active Waters</u>	<u>Stock / water</u>	3	130	<u>Water Name</u>	<u>Stock per water</u>	NOTES	Eager	0	Bore turned off for maintenance	Handlebar	200	wethers	Bottomless	190	wethers
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General condition notes	- Describe any known issues or notes of interest relating to stock activity on the property. - Describe the indicators that will be monitored to ensure sustainable grazing and the stock management strategy to be applied when seasonal conditions change to minimise potential land degradation (what plants are monitored, erosion indicators due to stock traffic, notable drainage line conditions).																										



Total grazing pressure	
Total grazing pressure	• Describe your management methods to keep numbers of animals contributing to combined grazing pressure at a sustainable level (baiting, trapping, participating in district-wide control programs). • Describe any management strategies used when the total grazing pressure of stock, feral and native animals become excessive (stock placement, destocking, paddock rotation, stock sales, etc.). • Describe the indicators that are measured when determining appropriate action to be taken (animal numbers, decline in palatable vegetation).
Pest plant and animal management (information may be required to support other legislative requirements)	
Pest animal management	• What are the primary feral/pest animals on the property? • Describe your management methods to keep numbers of feral/pest animal species at a sustainable level, including participating in district-wide programs.
Pest plant management	• Do you have any current pest plant species and, if so, please list and describe what control methods you use to manage the pest species?



Drought management strategy	
Seasonal conditions	• Describe how seasonal conditions will be monitored and identify the trigger points that will initiate destocking regimes. Do you use existing photopoints to monitor changes in seasons and, if so, what indicators are used? • Describe the actions that will be taken to minimise decline in land condition in response to below average seasonal conditions. • Describe the indicators that may trigger changes in your stock management as a response to a decline in seasonal conditions. These may be other landscape condition indicators such as soil moisture, rainfall events or stock health and condition. • Identify paddocks that may be susceptible to a decline in seasonal conditions and the strategy used to monitor and act.
Baseline photographic and/or remote sensing evidence	
Paddock photos	• Provide a minimum of 12 paddock photographs that display the general condition of the land where changes in grazing regimes may be undertaken. ◦ Photos must include paddock name, photo location (latitude and longitude in decimal degrees/UTM easting and northing) and date.
Additional information	• Any other information to support the application. • Remote Sensing tools- the use of satellite imagery and derived pasture production and land condition products to support the application.
Attachments to application (please contact the Pastoral Unit for relevant information as required)	Required ☐ 10 years of rainfall records (total mm by month) ^ ☐ Recent (up to 5 years) paddock stock records for the property where new waters are proposed. This will aid in determining appropriate grazing rates for long-term sustainable land management. ☐ Paddock photographs with location details illustrating seasonal responses over the past 5 years where available.



	Optional ☐ Regional vegetation summaries/outlooks (Long Paddock reports (link here)) ☐ Other (please specify):
<i>* Pastoral Act; the Landscape South Australia Act 2019; the Dog Fence Act 1946; the Mining Act 1971; the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000; the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972; the Native Vegetation Act 1991; the Plant Health Act 2009.</i> <i>^ On-lease rain gauge or regional summaries from Bureau of Meteorology (link here).</i>	

END OF APPLICATION

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Additional information required upon preliminary approval

A condition of the approval process for amending a defined pastoral lease stock maximum is that lessees are required to conduct an annual monitoring program to monitor initial temporary approvals for the term of the time staged process.

Monitoring program

A guide has been developed for monitoring sites (using both existing photopoints and lessee installed sites) after approval of an application. The guide includes templates for monitoring sites (photopoint), stock and rainfall data reporting.

Between 6 and 12 monitoring sites will be selected for annual monitoring and determined by factors including, but not limited to, the size of the property, number of land systems and topography.

The Pastoral Unit will work with lessees to inform the selection of appropriate sites and will assist to determine the number and location of sites. Monitoring sites (photopoints) are required to be monitored on an annual basis by the lessee. Site data will be submitted with annual stock and rainfall data sheets.

Stock numbers per paddock or per water and rainfall data are to be reported annually. This will support photographs and other information to aid in monitoring land condition as a response to changed grazing regimes.

An annual monitoring program timeline will be established in consultation with the applicant and Pastoral Unit on acceptance of application and approval of the temporary stock maximum.

Refer to the monitoring guide for full details.

Template – data sheet for 5 years stock records for property paddocks

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Template – data sheet for 10 years rainfall and long-term averages

Available monthly rainfall data for _____ (lease name)

The figures are derived from:

Bureau of Meteorology data from _____ weather station

or

Homestead of _____ rain gauge

Optional: 20-year average annual figure

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