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The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) administers the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* along with the *Landscape South Australia (Water Register) Regulations 2020*. This legislation enables The Water Register, which is also administered by DEW.

Historically, parties who wished to combine multiple water licences with the same characteristics onto a single licence were required to submit numerous transfer and/or variation applications. From 1 July 2022, the legislation allows water licence holders to consolidate multiple water licences with the same characteristics into a single water licence using a single application.

Consolidation of water licences

Regulation 33 of the *Landscape South Australia (Water Register) Regulations 2020* provides that the holder of a water licence may apply for the consolidation of two or more water licences using this form: [G15 - Application to consolidate water licences](#). Consolidation of water licences can only be undertaken where:

- The water licences to be consolidated are within the same prescribed water resource and consumptive pool, and;
- The consolidated water licence will comply with the relevant water allocation plan.

The consolidated water licence will be issued subject to the same conditions (subject to any consequential alterations made by the Minister) and for the same term as applied to the water licences before consolidation. If a security interest is registered against any of the water licences to be consolidated, the consent of the security interest holder must be provided with the application.

Contacts

For any queries regarding the process outlined above please contact the DEW Enhanced Water Register Project team by email: DEW.WaterLicensingProjects@sa.gov.au or telephone: 0422 004 720 or (08) 8539 2103.

Legislation

The legislation referred to above can be accessed at the following links:

Landscape South Australia Act 2019

<https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/lz?path=/c/a/landscape%20south%20australia%20act%202019>

Landscape South Australia (Water Register) Regulations 2020

[https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/lz?path=/c/r/landscape%20south%20australia%20\(water%20register\)%20regulations%202020](https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/lz?path=/c/r/landscape%20south%20australia%20(water%20register)%20regulations%202020)