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Tjiwarl Palyakuwa (Agreement)

Tjiwarl Water Study & Tjiwarl Water Plan

To identify and help optimise the management of water resources in Tjiwarl County

Access to Water Information

Grant of Water Licences

Process for the grant of water licences in Tjiwarl Country

Water Working Group

What is in the Agreement?

The Tjiwarl Palyakuwa (Agreement) recognises the spiritual relationship of Tjiwarl people to water, the importance of access to water resources by Tjiwarl people and the need for Tjiwarl input into the management of water on Tjiwarl Country.

Tjiwarl Water Study and Plan

The State and Tjiwarl AC have agreed to undertake a Tjiwarl Water Study to identify the water resources located in Tjiwarl County and the cultural, environmental and economic values of those water resources. Following the Tjiwarl Water Study, a Tjiwarl Water Plan will be jointly developed to:

- identify the quality, quantity and location of water resources in Tjiwarl Country;
- identify any opportunities for water allocation to Tjiwarl People; and
- help to set environmental and cultural water outcomes and optimise the management of water in Tjiwarl Country.

Access to Water Information

The Agreement establishes a process for Tjiwarl AC to seek to access certain information relating to licenses and permits granted under the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914* (WA).

Process for the Grant of Water Licences

The Agreement establishes a Tjiwarl specific future act process for the grant of water licenses under the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act* which provides Tjiwarl people with an opportunity for earlier engagement with licence applicants and involvement in the grant process.

Water Working Group

The Agreement establishes the Water Working Group, a joint body between Tjiwarl AC and the State, to oversee and implement the commitments and processes made with respect to water in Tjiwarl Country.