

Apply to renew or change an abstraction or impoundment licence (WRI)

Type of variation/renewal

Indicate the change(s) you wish to make to your licence(s) here.

Same terms renewal (where no environmental or other concerns have been raised in your renewal reminder letter)

The licence(s) you want to change/renew

Provide the licence serial number(s) which the proposed change/renewal relates to

WA/056/053/007

WA/056/053/014

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Application fee

Please indicate how you wish to pay your application fee. If paying by BACS, please quote the reference number created when setting up the bank transfer.

If paying by cheque, please ensure you add the six digit cheque number below.

BACS

Please add your BACS reference below

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Is this proposal as a result of a Restoring Sustainable Abstraction programme or other work remediation work, to prevent and reduce environmental damage requested by us?

No

Are you making this application as part of an agreement to trade water rights? Water rights trading is where a Licence Holder sells all or part of their abstraction licence rights, permanently or temporarily, to another person.

No

Provide details below

n/a

Existing Licence Holder details

Provide details of the existing Licence Holder.

Full Name The Cnewr Estate Ltd
Company, Charity or Trading Name The Cnewr Estate Ltd
Company or Charity Registration Number 00557540

Registered Address

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Details of individual or agent authorised to act as a point of contact

Specify who we should contact with regard to

	Applicant	Agent
Operations (on site) contact	X	
Invoice contact	X	

Details of individual authorised to act as abstraction records (returns) contact

Specify who we should contact regarding abstraction records (returns)

Existing returns contact

Are you applying to apportion your licence? Find an explanation of apportionment on our website (opens in new tab).

No

Are you applying for a simple change (opens in new tab)?

No

Same terms renewal

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Yes

Use this section to show us how you have calculated the amount of water you require. This should include details of your operational regime (for example, number of hours and days you intend to abstract, number of units produced or area to be irrigated). We use this information to determine if the volumes you propose to abstract are appropriate for the purpose. Depending which industry you are in, you may need to provide additional information below.

If your water usage has been lower than your licensed volumes, you will need to provide additional information to demonstrate your continued need for the water, for example, additional justification or a Business Case.

LINKED APPLICATIONS.

This abstraction licences WA/056/053/007 and WA/056/053/014 are twinned licences, both abstraction licences abstract water for the same micro-hydroelectric scheme.

Applications for the renewals of both abstraction licences are to be submitted at the same time. We understand that the linked applications will have a reduced fee for one of the applications.

GENERAL SYSTEM DETAILS

As advised by the Water Resources Permitting Team rather than providing the same technical information as the original application, we confirm that for both abstraction licences and their hydroelectric scheme the overall design, catchment areas, low flows data, depleted reach location/length, intake details, penstock pipe size and route, turbine and controller, system efficiencies, outfall location and design, electric export point, etc.... remain the same as the original application. Nothing has changed.

The only elements that need to be confirmed are as detailed below.

FISH PASS.

Compliance visits by Chris Gurney (NRW Environment Officer) in Sept 2023 and 2024, noted that the fish pass requirements for the licences had not been resolved.

We note that licence WA/056/053/014 does not have a fish pass requirement. Chris Gurney's error is understandable because on the same day he inspected three other abstractions at the same site and they all had fish pass requirements.

Licence WA/056/053/007 does require a fish pass.

It was agreed that further discussions were required to resolve the issue. These discussions started with NRW in 2023 but the key contact left NRW and the discussions stalled. The discussions are currently ongoing with Jason Jones (NRW Fisheries Officer).

Once details are agreed and construction timings approved the fish pass will be installed (construction likely to be between June and September 2026).

We acknowledge that the fish pass clause in the existing licence will be carried over to the new licence.

ANNUAL ABSTRACTION RETURNS

Annual abstraction returns have been submitted through the NRW returns portal up to the end of March 2025. Data for the March 2026 return is being collected and will be uploaded in April 2026.

As discussed with Chris Gurney and Deri McDonagh (NRW Senior Advisor) there have been difficulties with submitting separate abstraction records for each of the twinned/linked abstractions that discharge through the single micro-hydroelectric scheme. Deri McDonagh has advised that the way forward is to submit the aggregated/combined abstraction for the WA/056/053/007 abstraction licence's returns,

and that the requirement to submit an abstraction licence return will be removed for the WA/056/053/014 abstraction licence. We also understand that this approach will be reflected in the renewal of the two abstraction licences.

WATER LEAKAGE AT IMPOUNDMENT.

As noted by Chris Gurney during his Sept 2024 compliance visit the impoundment structure associated with abstraction WA/056/053/014 has become ineffective at low flows due to leakage around the dam structure.

There is no negative impact on the stream flows.

This edges and base of the dam structure are to be repaired so that the full abstraction can take place. It is confirmed that this abstraction is still required.

ABSTRACTION AT IMPOUNDMENT.

As noted by Chris Gurney during his Sept 2024 compliance visit the impoundment structure associated with abstraction WA/056/053/007 was not abstracting water. It is believed that on the day of the visit the turbine was off due to a mechanical or electrical issue.

There is no negative impact on the stream flows if abstraction pauses for any reason.

It is confirmed that this abstraction is still required.

Provide details of what measures you provide to ensure efficient use of water. This could include water storage, re-use or recirculation, monitoring and checking for leaks, undertaking water audits or other industry specific good practise.

The details of the hydroelectric scheme remain the same as the original application. Nothing has changed.

Intakes, hands off flow notches, pipework, outfall, control systems, etc... are to be regularly checked to ensure that stream flows are as allowed by the abstraction licences and impoundment licences. This ensures appropriate use of water and operation of the scheme.

Different terms renewal

Are you applying for a different terms renewal

No

Signatures: existing Licence Holder (for all changes), and proposed Licence Holder(s) for Transfers and Apportionments

Existing Licence Holder's signature

Full Name Rachel Chapel

Position Managing Director

Signature Rachel Chapel

Date 7th January 2026

Submit your application

Enter your email address to get a copy of your application

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