

# H2OX Membership Rules

Version 2.1

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# H2OX Membership Rules

## Part A - Effect of these rules and membership

### 1. Effect of These Rules

These Rules have effect as a binding contract under seal between H2OX and each Member; and as a continuous trading contract between, each Member and each other Member, under which:

- each Member agrees to observe and to engage in the conduct required by the Rules; and
- H2OX agrees to observe and to engage in the conduct required by the Rules.

- 1.1. Each Member agrees to be legally bound by these Rules and acknowledges and agrees that these Rules:
  - a. are legally binding;
  - b. govern the use of the H2OX Trading Platform by each Member; and
  - c. govern the relationships between H2OX and each Member and between each of the Members.
- 1.2. The Rules provide that the H2OX Trading Platform may be used by an Independent Trading Member (ITM) to place Sales Listings and Purchase Orders on its own behalf and to effect Water Trades.

#### Relationship with other H2OX documents

- 1.3. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the following H2OX documents as in force from time to time:
  - a. For broker members only, the Broker Member Agreement;
  - b. ITM Agreement;
  - c. Privacy Policy; and
  - d. for Permanent Water Trades only, the H2OX Water Rights Trade Agreement.
- 1.4. Unless expressly stated to the contrary, to the extent of any inconsistency between these Rules and the terms of any H2OX document listed in clause 3, these Rules prevail.

### 2. Amendments to the Rules

- 2.1. H2OX may, at its absolute discretion, change these Rules, including any H2OX Fees, at any time by giving Members no less than five (5) Business Days written notice.
- 2.2. During the notice period the current version of the Rules remains in effect.
- 2.3. If a Member attempts a Water Trade following the expiry of the notice period, the Member is deemed to have accepted the amendments.
- 2.4. These Rules cannot be amended verbally and any changes must be in writing, signed by a director of H2OX and published by H2OX on the Exchange Site.

### 3. Becoming a Member Independent Trading Member (ITM)

- 3.1. In order to become an ITM and participate on the H2OX Trading Platform, an applicant must:
  - a. meet the ITM Criteria;
  - b. enter into the ITM Agreement; and
  - c. satisfy the conditions precedent to membership specified in the ITM Agreement.

#### **Broker Client Member**

- 3.2. In order to become a Broker Client Member and participate on the H2OX Trading Platform, an applicant must:
  - a. meet the Broker Client Member Criteria;
  - b. enter into the Broker Client Agreement; and
  - c. satisfy the conditions precedent to membership specified in the Broker

## **4. Authorized Representatives**

- 4.1. Each ITM must appoint an Authorised Representative to effect Water Trades.
- 4.2. It is the sole responsibility of the ITM to ensure that any Authorised Representative complies with these Rules and all relevant laws.
- 4.3. The ITM is liable for all acts and omissions of the Authorized Representative.

## **5. Login Username and Password**

- 5.1. Subject to the remainder of this clause, each ITM will be provided with their Login Details after it has complied with clause 3.1 .
- 5.2. All Relevant Personnel associated with an ITM will be given their own Login Details which will be linked to the ITM's Trading Account.

## **6. Representations and Warranties**

### **ITM**

- 6.1. Each Member represents and warrants that, from the date that it accesses the H2OX Trading Platform or agrees to these Rules (whichever is the earlier) until the expiry or termination of the Member's membership:
  - a. it has the legal capacity to agree to and be bound by these Rules;
  - b. it is not and has not been the subject of an Insolvency Event;
  - c. the data that it provides, or that is provided by its Authorised Representatives or Relevant Personnel on all Sales Listings and Purchase Orders on the H2OX Trading Platform is true and correct.
  - d. it will maintain the Bank Account nominated in its Membership Application or any BPay Direct Debit form or advise H2OX immediately upon any changes to that Bank Account;
  - e. it will only act in its own capacity and on its own behalf in its use of the H2OX Trading Platform;
  - f. As a selling Member:
    - I. it has the legal and beneficial title to the H2OX Water Product that it lists for sale on the H2OX Trading Platform;
    - II. the number of Water Access Entitlements subject to any H2OX Water Rights Trade Agreement are recorded on their Water Right, or on a Water Entitlement Certificate and are available for sale as at the date that a Water Trade is Matched and again when the H2OX Water Rights Trade Agreement is executed and any Transfer is settled;
    - III. the Allocation the subject of the Sales Listing is held by them in the relevant Allocation Account and is available for sale as at the date that a Water Trade is Matched and again when and any Transfer is completed;
    - IV. it has or will obtain all necessary consents and Releases (except for the approval of the Relevant Registrar) to effect a Permanent Water Trade; and
    - V. it will transfer the Water Rights free of any Encumbrances; and

- VI. As a purchasing Member it has sufficient funds to settle a Water Trade executed on the H2OX Trading Platform by the Settlement Date.

## 7. Conduct and Behavior on the H2OX Trading Platform

- 7.1. Members will at all times observe the general principles of honesty, integrity and good conduct whilst conducting business on the H2OX Trading Platform and will refrain from using any procedures or techniques which intentionally mislead other Members and or reduce, influence or impair the liquidity and price of the Water Rights and Allocations traded on the H2OX Trading Platform.
- 7.2. H2OX may take any action it considers necessary to ensure that the H2OX Trading Platform is fair, orderly and transparent, including:
- rejecting one or more Sales Listings or Purchase Orders or other electronic messages submitted to H2OX or entered into the H2OX Trading Platform;
  - suspending or halting trading on all or part of the H2OX Trading Platform;
  - directing any Member to take, or not to take, specified action in connection with the H2OX Trading Platform; or
  - modifying, restricting or suspending access by one or more Member to all or part of the H2OX Trading Platform in accordance with clause 8.

## 8. Changes to Membership Status and Suspension

- 8.1. Members must inform H2OX immediately of any changes to any of the information or documentation provided to H2OX, and in particular changes to any of the following:
- the sale of any Water Rights or
  - closure, termination or unavailability of their nominated Bank Account;
  - the withdrawal or modification of a selling Member's Water Rights or Allocation;
  - any suspension or cessation of the Member's business operations; and/ or
  - an Insolvency Event occurs;
  - criminal charges are laid against the Member; or
  - legal proceedings are commenced against the Member that would materially affect its standing as a fit and proper member;

### Grounds for, and consequences of, Suspension

- 8.2. H2OX may temporarily suspend the Member's Login Details, access to the H2OX Trading Platform, and/ or the respective Members ability to deal with any Water Rights, Allocation or funds held in the H2OX Escrow Account if H2OX forms a reasonable belief that:
- the sale of any Water Rights or
  - the Member has failed to comply with these Rules;
  - any Water Right or Allocation listed by or on behalf of the Member are reasonably suspected to have been fraudulently created or issued illegally;
  - any Member activity is considered to be fraudulent, Authorised Representative or Relevant Personnel;
  - any Water Rights or Allocation listed by a Member are subject of, or become the subject of a dispute;
  - the Member, Authorised Representative or a Relevant Personnel is acting in a manner which, in the reasonable opinion of H2OX, is likely to bring the H2OX Trading Platform into disrepute; and/ or
  - an Insolvency Event occurs.
- 8.3. While a Member's status to the H2OX Trading Platform and/ or account is temporarily suspended the relevant Member will have no right to trade any Water Rights or Allocation on the H2OX Trading Platform and H2OX may freeze any payments that may be owing to the Member.
- 8.4. H2OX will use its best endeavours to determine whether to re-activate a Member's status or to terminate its H2OX Licence within thirty (30) Business Days of the Member being suspended in

accordance with the procedures outlined below in Clauses 8.5, 8.6 and 8.7, but reserves the right to extend the period of suspension in its absolute discretion.

## Review of Suspension

- 8.5. Upon notification by H2OX of its temporary suspension, the Member will have fifteen (15) Business Days to show cause in writing to H2OX as to why the Member should not be permanently suspended from the H2OX Trading Platform by directly addressing the issue which gave rise to the suspension.
- 8.6. If within the fifteen (15) Business Day period, H2OX is reasonably satisfied that the circumstances giving rise to such suspension no longer apply, H2OX may reactivate the Member's status to active and allow relevant Member to recommence Water Trades
- 8.7. If, following the expiration of the fifteen (15) Business Day period the Member fails, to the satisfaction of H2OX, to provide a satisfactory response to the cause of the suspension, H2OX may, in its absolute discretion, exercise one or more of the following rights:
  - a. permanently suspend the Member from the H2OX Trading Platform;
  - b. suspend the Member's Trading Account for a further fifteen (15) Business Days to allow the Member further time to provide its written response.

## Disputed Listings

- 8.8. Any dispute in relation to the ownership of Water Rights or Allocation is between the Irrigation Infrastructure Operator, Registrar or Water Authority as the case may be and the Member is to promptly follow the dispute resolution procedure of the respective Irrigation Infrastructure Operator or Registrar or Water Authority.
- 8.9. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that a Sales Listing or a Water Trade on the H2OX Trading Platform is found to be fraudulent or illegal, H2OX reserves the right to refer the matter to the appropriate government, and/ or legal authorities.

## 9. Payment of Fees

- 9.1. All H2OX Fees constitute payments for services rendered by H2OX.

### ITM Fees and Charges

- 9.2. The Member will be liable for any and all Fees incurred as a result of use of the Member's Login Details.

## Part B – Use of the H2OX Trading Platform

### 10. Details of the H2OX Trading Platform and Water Trades

- 10.1. ITMs and Broker Members will be able to view the H2OX Trading Platform, which will contain the following information for offers in respect to Water Rights or Allocations:
  - a. the quantity and proposed Price of all current Sales Listings and Purchase Orders; and
  - b. the quantity, Price and time of execution of the most recent Water Trade for each type of H2OX Water Product listed as a Pending Water Trade.

### 11. H2OX Trading Platform and Exchange Site Opening Hours

- 11.1. The H2OX Trading Platform and Exchange Site will be available for trading 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Certain parts of the operational systems of the H2OX Trading Platform required to complete a Water Trade may, however, only be available during the Business Day hours determined by H2OX and published on the Exchange Site.
- 11.2. H2OX is entitled to suspend or temporarily restrict access to the H2OX Trading Platform without notice in the event that:
  - a. there is a major announcement that would materially affect the value of Water Trades;
  - b. any changes to Applicable Water Laws are announced or are about to be;
  - c. the H2OX Trading Platform experiences IT and technical problems;

- d. the H2OX Trading Platform requires maintenance or upgrades; and/ or
  - e. if it seems fit or advisable to ensure that a fair and orderly market can be maintained.
- 11.3. H2OX will inform the Members of any suspension or temporary restriction and the expected date of resumption of the H2OX Trading Platform as soon as possible. For the avoidance of doubt, H2OX will not be liable for any Loss or damages suffered by the Members as a result of such suspension or temporary restriction.

## 12. Trading on the H2OX Trading Platform

- 12.1. An ITM may use the H2OX Trading Platform to place Sales Listings and Purchase Orders with the intention of conducting both Permanent Water Trades and Temporary Water Trades on their behalf only.
- 12.2. Sales Listings and Purchase Orders are sent via Electronic Link by the ITMs, Authorised Representatives or Relevant Personnel to the H2OX Trading Platform, where they are listed on the H2OX Trading Platform to be Matched and executed.
- 12.3. Each ITM is responsible for, and guarantees the accuracy and correctness of, the figures, information, and data that they, their Authorised Representatives or Relevant Personnel inserts on all Sales Listings and Purchase Orders on the H2OX Trading Platform.
- 12.4. All Sales Listings and Purchase Orders will remain open in the H2OX Order Book until they are removed in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.
- 12.5. All Sales Listings and Purchase Orders will be deemed by H2OX to have indisputably originated from a Member when the Login Details of that Member or their Authorised Representatives or Relevant Personnel are used to access the H2OX Trading Platform.
- 12.6. H2OX is not responsible or obliged to verify the accuracy and correctness of the figures until a Water Trade is Matched occurs and H2OX undertakes a search of the Water Right in the event of a Permanent Water Trade.
- 12.7. H2OX is not responsible or obliged to verify the accuracy and correctness of the figures, information, and data contained in any Sales Listing or Purchase Order entered on the H2OX Trading Platform by a Member, their Authorised Representatives or Relevant Personnel in the event of a Temporary Water Trade.
- 12.8. A Sales Listing can be withdrawn at any time before it is Matched by a Member, their Relevant Personnel or the relevant Authorised Representative, however, it cannot be cancelled once it has been Matched.
- 12.9. If a Sales Listing does not comply with any provisions of these Rules, H2OX may cancel that Sales Listing at any time before it is Matched.
- 12.10. All Sales Listings and Purchase Orders will have a default expiry of ninety (90) calendar days. An ITM or Broker Member may select an earlier expiry date at the time of submitting the Sales Listing or Purchase Order.

## 13. Process for Listings and Water Trades

- 13.1. All Sales Listings and Purchase Orders will have a default expiry of ninety (90) calendar days. An ITM or Broker Member may select an earlier expiry date at the time of submitting the Sales Listing or Purchase Order.

## 14. Default on Water Trades

- 14.1. If either the selling Member or purchasing Member defaults in the observance or performance of any obligation under these Rules, which is (or the performance of which has become) essential, the non-defaulting Party will be entitled by notice in writing (via H2OX) served on the defaulting Party to terminate the H2OX Water Rights Trade Agreement and to thereafter sue the defaulting Party for breach of contract.
- 14.2. Each Member acknowledges and agrees that notwithstanding any other right which a selling Member may have at law or in equity, if a purchasing Member fails to achieve Settlement by the Settlement Date, the selling Member will be at liberty to claim liquidated damages equal to interest calculated in accordance with the prescribed rate pursuant to s101 of the **Civil Procedure Act 2005**, on the balance of purchase monies owing pursuant to the terms of these

Rules from the Settlement Date until the date of actual payment.

## 15. Rejection of a Transfer Application

- 15.1. If either the selling Member or purchasing Member defaults in the observance or performance of any obligation under these Rules, which is (or the performance of which has become) essential, the non-defaulting Party will be entitled by notice in writing (via H2OX) served on the defaulting Party to terminate the H2OX Water Rights Trade Agreement and to thereafter sue the defaulting Party for breach of contract.
- in relation to a Permanent Water Trade, either Party may, by notice in writing served on the other and copied to H2OX, rescind the H2OX Water Rights Trade Agreement and neither Member will, thereafter, have any legal obligation to the other in respect to the H2OX Water Trade Agreement and H2OX will return the funds paid by the purchasing Member; or
  - in relation to a Temporary Water Trade, the Water Trade will be deemed to have failed and H2OX will return the funds paid by the purchasing Member.
- 15.2. If the rejection is due to the fault of the selling Member, the selling Member is liable to pay the difference in Price (if any) of the purchasing Member in acquiring alternative Water Rights or Allocations along with the purchasing Members costs and expenses incurred as a result of entering into the failed transaction.

## 16. Reversals

- 16.1. To the extent legally permissible, H2OX reserves the right to, or to procure that a Broker Client Member or ITM, reverse or resubmit Transaction Documents with the intention of reversing, a Water Trade in circumstances where:
- the Water Right or Allocation listed by or on behalf of the Member, and being the subject of a proposed Water Trade is reasonably suspected to have been fraudulently created or issued illegally;
  - in its opinion, it is required to do so by court order or otherwise by law;
  - the selling Member is reasonably suspected not to have full legal and/ or beneficial legal title to the H2OX Water Product listed on behalf of the Member;
  - the purchasing Member is deemed to have insufficient funds to complete the Water Trade; and/ or
  - H2OX believes, in its sole discretion, that processing the Water Trade would bring the H2OX Trading Platform into disrepute.
- 16.2. Where a purchasing Member has accessed all or part of an Allocation prior to a reversal or resubmission being processed by a Registrar or Water Authority, the purchasing Member shall do all things necessary to re-credit an equivalent Allocation to the selling Member.

## 17. H2OX Escrow Account / Direct Debit / Bpay options

- 17.1. H2OX will maintain the H2OX Escrow Account to facilitate Water Trades on the H2OX Trading Platform.
- 17.2. A Member may maintain a balance in the H2OX Escrow Account in respect to anticipated future Water Trades.
- 17.3. No interest is earned on the H2OX Escrow Account by virtue of the nature of the account.

### Temporary Water Trades

- 17.4. Funds may be credited to the H2OX Escrow Account by Bpay upon receipt of an invoice and Bpay details for a Temporary Water Trade, or where the Member agrees to have the funds debited from their Bank Account by Direct Debit to the H2OX Escrow Account.
- 17.5. Cleared funds must be in the H2OX Escrow Account or Direct Debit instructions sent to the ITM's Bank Account before H2OX will process a Matched Temporary Water Trade. If Direct Debit instructions are sent, cleared funds need to be received within three (3) Business Days of a

Matched Temporary Water Trade. If cleared funds are not received within three (3) Business Days of a Matched Temporary Water Trade that Member will be deemed a Defaulting Party.

#### **Permanent Water Trades**

- 17.6. H2OX will notify the relevant Member of the determination or approval of the Water Authority or Registrar by the provision of a Settlement Statement.
- 17.7. The selling Member must provide their Settlement Directions within three (3) Business Days of receipt of the Settlement Statement.
- 17.8. The purchasing Member must transfer the remainder of the Water Trade Consideration to the H2OX Escrow Account within three (3) Business Days of receipt of the Settlement Statement. If the Member fails to make this payment on time, the relevant ITM or Broker Client Member will be deemed a Defaulting Party.

### **18. Registered Financial Interest Holders/ Handling of Water Products**

- 18.1. Where a Water Right is subject to a registered Encumbrance, other than a mortgage, the Member will seek the consent of each Registered Interest Holder prior to placing a Sales Listing and provide a copy of the consent to H2OX.
- 18.2. The Member will provide H2OX with the Registered Interest Holder Authority to allow, to the extent permissible by law, H2OX to communicate with and deal with the Registered Interest Holder on the Members behalf.
- 18.3. H2OX acknowledges that the Member may not require the consent of the Registered Interest Holder under their mortgage or other security document when executing Temporary Water Trades.
- 18.4. To ensure the efficiency of the system the selling Member will use its best endeavours to obtain possession of the original Water Right, or otherwise arrange for its release to H2OX where it will be held in escrow pending Settlement of any Permanent Water Trade.
- 18.5. On receipt of the original Water Right, H2OX will acknowledge receipt and store the document in safe custody until further direction, including but not limited to a direction to settle a Water Trade.
- 18.6. Where a selling Member requests the return of an original Water Right the request must be made in writing.
- 18.7. The selling Member will request the relevant discharge document within three (3) Business Days of placing a Sales Listing.
- 18.8. The purchasing Member will prioritise payment to the Registered Interest Holder, for the amount sought by the Registered Interest Holder on Settlement, with such funds to be paid prior to or on the Completion Date.

### **19. Unregistered Interest Holders**

- 19.1. A Member will disclose to H2OX the name of any unregistered interest holder or Beneficial Owner of the Water Right or Allocation who is not named on the Water Right.
- 19.2. A Member has a continuing obligation to disclose to H2OX the details of any Party who may claim to hold an unregistered interest in the Water Right or any Allocation and the details of the claimed interest.
- 19.3. If H2OX receives notification that an unregistered interest has been claimed it will suspend any Sales Listing pending clarification of the interest.

## **Part C - General Terms and Conditions**

### **20. Privacy**

**The Exchange Site and the H2OX Trading Platform**

- 20.1. Electronic information storage in the Exchange Site and the H2OX Trading Platform will be on secure computers and information will be encrypted wherever possible.

**Privacy**

- 20.2. Personal Information about any individual will be maintained in accordance with the Privacy Policy as published on the Exchange Site.

**21. Intellectual Property**

- 21.1. Each Member acknowledges and agrees that the Intellectual Property of the H2OX Trading Platform, the H2OX Trading Zone Matrix and the Exchange Site remains the property of H2OX and that no Member has any rights, title or interest in the Intellectual Property of the H2OX Trading Platform or the Exchange Site.

**22. Waiver**

- 22.1. H2OX may relieve a Member from the obligation to comply with a provision of these Rules, either generally or in a particular case, category or specific Transaction, and either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as H2OX thinks fit.

**23. H2OX Disclaimer**

- 23.1. H2OX is only responsible for obligations accepted and representations made in writing by an Executive Director of H2OX. Employees, agents, independent contractors, of H2OX have no right to bind H2OX in any way whatsoever without written authorisation.
- 23.2. All information and materials provided by H2OX are presumed to be accurate, however, H2OX makes no warranty for the accuracy, reliability, completeness, currency or continuous supply of information on the H2OX Trading Platform and Exchange Site and is not be liable for any error or omission therein.
- 23.3. H2OX is not responsible for any damage to computer systems or Loss of any data that may result from access to the H2OX Trading Platform or Exchange Site.

**24. Limitation of Liability**

- 24.1. H2OX will not be liable for any damage, whether direct, indirect, special or consequential, or Loss of profits suffered by a Member, their respective Authorised Representatives, Relevant Personnel as a result of any use of the H2OX Trading Platform

**25. Indemnity**

- 25.1. To the extent permissible by law, the Member indemnifies H2OX and H2OX's employees, agents and representatives from and against all proceedings, actions, claims, demands, Losses (including any decrease in the value of aWater Trade, whether or not realised), liabilities, damages, costs and expenses which may be made or brought against or suffered or incurred by H2OX and H2OX's employees, agents or representatives, and arising directly or indirectly out of or in connection with these Rules.

**26. Force Majeure**

- 26.1. Neither H2OX nor any Member will be liable for any failure or delay in the performance of obligations under these Rules if that failure or delay is due to a Force Majeure Event.

**27. Disciplinary Actions and Sanctions**

- 27.1. If H2OX determines in its discretion that a Member has contravened these Rules, it may, by notice to the Member, impose one or more of the following sanctions:
- a written warning;
  - the suspension or restriction of access to the H2OX Trading Platform in accordance with clause 8;
  - termination of Membership in accordance with clause 29; or
  - disgorgement of any profit arising H2OX Membership Rules from the contravention of the Rules.

## **28. Complaints and Dispute Resolution**

- 28.1. Either Party may commence negotiations to resolve any complaint or dispute arising in connection with these Rules or H2OX services (including any question regarding their existence, validity or termination) by giving the other Party written or verbal notice of any complaint or dispute not resolved in the normal course of business (the Dispute Notice). Any verbal notice received will be entered into the Complaints Tracker system
- 28.2. The Parties will attempt in good faith to resolve any complaint or dispute promptly by negotiation between executives authorised to resolve such disputes within 20 business days.
- 28.3. Within 2 business days of receiving a complaint or dispute, H2OX will respond in writing to the client including a copy of the complaint and information on the process H2OX will follow to resolve the complaint.
- 28.4. Within 10 business days H2OX will provide a written response to the client specifying the proposed actions to resolve the complaint or dispute.
- 28.5. If the dispute has not been resolved by negotiation within ten (10) Business Days of receiving the dispute or complaint, either Party may refer the dispute for mediation. At the election of H2OX, mediation will be administered by the Law Society of New South Wales in accordance with that organisation's then current mediation guidelines. The mediation shall be conducted by a mediator and at a fee agreed by the Parties. Failing agreement between the Parties, the mediator shall be selected, and the mediator's fee shall be determined by the Chair for the time being of Law Society of New South Wales as appropriate.
- 28.6. Within 5 days of completing the process for dealing with the complaint or dispute, H2OX will provide a written notice documenting the agreed outcome.
- 28.7. Nothing in this clause will prevent either Party from having recourse to a court of competent jurisdiction for the sole purpose of seeking a preliminary injunction or such other provisional judicial relief, as it considers necessary to avoid irreparable damage.

## 29. Termination and Default Events

### General

- 29.1. A Member may terminate its membership within five (5) Business Days of receiving written notice of an amendment in accordance with clause 2.1 of these Rules.
- 29.2. Subject to clause 29.1, a Member may terminate its membership and its use of the H2OX Trading Platform by giving thirty (30) Business Days written notice to H2OX.
- 29.3. H2OX may terminate a Member's membership by giving ten (10) Business Days notice to the Member, except in the event of a breach of the Rules, which will be subject to the provisions below.

### Members Active Status

- 29.4. H2OX may terminate a Member's active status on the H2OX Trading Platform in the event the Member fails to comply with any of its obligations under these Rules or any other Default Event.
- 29.5. In the event that the Member's active status on the H2OX Trading Platform is terminated, H2OX will, within ten (10) Business Days:
  - a. process and settle any Pending Water Trades in the H2OX Trading Platform;
  - b. settle all outstanding fees due by the Member pursuant to these Rules, following which, it will distribute the balance of any monies held for the Member in the H2OX Escrow Account to the Member's third party beneficiary account, identified in the Member's Membership Application; and
  - c. remove any unsold Water Rights or Allocation from the H2OX Trading Platform that are owned by the Member; and remove any Purchase Orders listed on the H2OX Trading Platform by the Member.

### Default Events

- 29.6. For the purposes of these Rules a Default Event includes the following:
  - a. the Member materially breaches any term of these Rules, ITM Agreement or a Broker Agreement;
  - b. the Member provides false, inaccurate or incomplete information, or breaches any representation or warranty made under these Rules, ITM Agreement or a Broker Agreement;
  - c. there is, or has been, an Insolvency Event (whether or not it is continuing or subsisting) in respect of the Member; or
  - d. any licence, Authorisation or consent of the Member, which is necessary for the Member to fulfil its obligations or to enjoy its rights under these Rules, ITM Agreement or a Broker Agreement is:
    - e. revoked, not renewed or suspended, or any applicable conditions are not complied with; and
    - f. such revocation, non-renewal, suspension or non-compliance is not remedied within ten (10) Business Days after notice of such revocation, non-renewal, suspension or non-compliance is given to the Member.

## 30. Jurisdiction and Laws

- 30.1. Members submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the New South Wales Supreme Court and acknowledge that the laws of New South Wales apply to these Rules.
- 30.2. Members will abide by all relevant laws, including but not limited to all Applicable Water Laws, and H2OX is not responsible for any failure on the part of the Member to comply. The Member agrees not to hold H2OX liable for any action H2OX takes to comply with applicable laws or regulations.

### **31. Enforceability**

- 31.1. If any part or provision of these Rules should be judged or found to be void or unenforceable, it will not affect the validity and enforceability of all other parts and provisions of these Rules and will be severable from every other part and provision of these Rules, to the extent that these Rules will continue in force and effect to the fullest extent possible after severance of the part of the provision that is void or unenforceable.

### **32. Assignment**

- 32.1. Each ITM, Broker Member and Broker Client Member acknowledges that membership is non-transferrable and the Member cannot assign its rights and obligations except in accordance with these Rules.
- 32.2. H2OX may transfer all or any part of its rights, interests, obligations or liabilities under these Rules by assignment.
- 32.3. H2OX acknowledges that the information it retains in respect to ITMs, Broker Members and Broker Member Clients is commercially sensitive and H2OX will take reasonable steps to ensure that this information is protected by a non-disclosure / non compete agreement, specifically protecting the information and is only disclosed to third parties for the purposes of due diligence or as required by law.
- 32.4. Subject to clause 32.3, the ITM, Broker Member and Broker Client Member:
- a. consents to H2OX at any time assigning its rights, interests, obligations or liabilities;
  - b. waives any requirement that it receive prior notice of the assignment; and
  - c. if H2OX elects to exercise its right of assignment, will execute any deed, agreement or notice of assignment acknowledging and agreeing to the assignment by H2OX.

### **33. Notices**

- 33.1. Any notice required to be provided in accordance with these Rules must be made via the H2OX Trading Platform

### **34. Definitions and Interpretation**

- 34.1. Some words in this document have special meanings. The definitions of these words can be found on the Exchange Site.