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## Fast Track Facility for Your Clients to Obtain Original Water Access Licence Certificates

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources (DIPNR) has developed a facility for people who wish to obtain their Water Licence Certificate quickly. An irrigator may wish to take advantage of the system if they wish to sell or mortgage the licence. The licensing arrangements under the Water Management Act will commence on 1 July 2004.

The fast track is available to anyone whose water licence has been converted to an access licence under the Water Management Act, a water sharing plan has been gazetted and the licence holder wants to sell or mortgage the licence immediately.

**The certificate is needed if the holder wants to sell or mortgage because it must be handed over to the purchaser or the mortgagee, just as would be done in a land transaction.**

There is no need to have the certificate for normal trading.

To fast track the issue of the certificate, three things must be done:

1. Fill out the application form and make sure that each licence holder signs it.
2. Ask the mortgagee or chargee to consent to the application.
3. Take the completed form and the consents to your local DIPNR office.

If your clients require more information on the fast track facility, or to have a copy of the application form or proposed form of the Water Access Licence Certificate, contact Peter Jackson at Jackson Smith Solicitors on freecall 1800 687 217 or by email [pjackson@jacksonsmith.com.au](mailto:pjackson@jacksonsmith.com.au).

I hope that this information is of some interest and benefit to you, and to your clients.

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