



## **RMB residual funds**

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The Rice Marketing Board (RMB) remains focused on ensuring a smooth transition to full deregulation of rice marketing in New South Wales by 30 June 2026.

In this context, the RMB has received stakeholder queries on the use and transfer process for any residual funds held by RMB at the time that it ceases operations.

Prior to the Rice Marketing Amendment Act 2024, the RMB adopted a practice of maintaining two years of operating expenses in reserve to ensure it remained a going concern. While the Board has determined not to raise additional revenues during the transition period, it will not be possible for the Board to appropriately deploy its reserves prior to ceasing operations such that there will be considerable residual funds remaining. These funds have been directly and indirectly contributed by New South Wales rice growers.

In May 2024 the Board considered options for the use of the residual funds and determined that, if possible, the residual funds should be directly or indirectly deployed for the benefit of rice growers.

The Board has consulted with DPIRD on process options for the transfer of the residual funds and has been advised that:

- under the Rice Marketing Amendment Act 2024, the transfer of the assets of the Board must be to a public authority;
- the likely process would be for the transfer of the residual funds to DPIRD upon the wind-up of the Board on 30 June 2026; and
- in consultation with the Minister, DPIRD is considering processes to provide for the funds to be deployed for NSW South Wales rice industry benefit.

The RMB has accepted this process and notes that DPIRD has welcomed further engagement on the deployment of the residual funds from industry representative bodies.

The RMB does not propose to influence how these residual funds will be deployed.

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