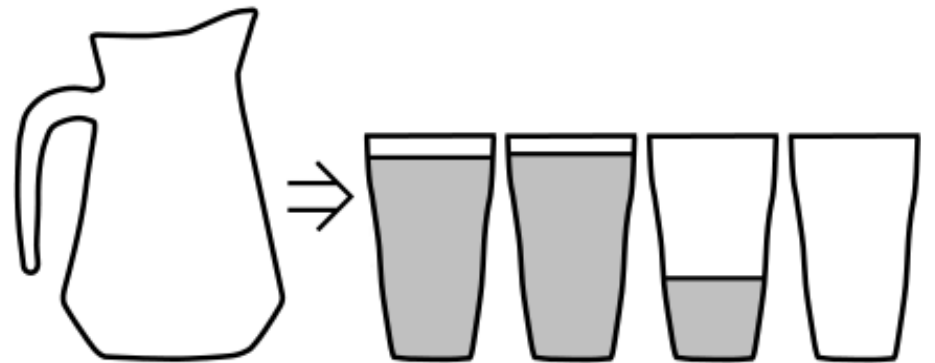
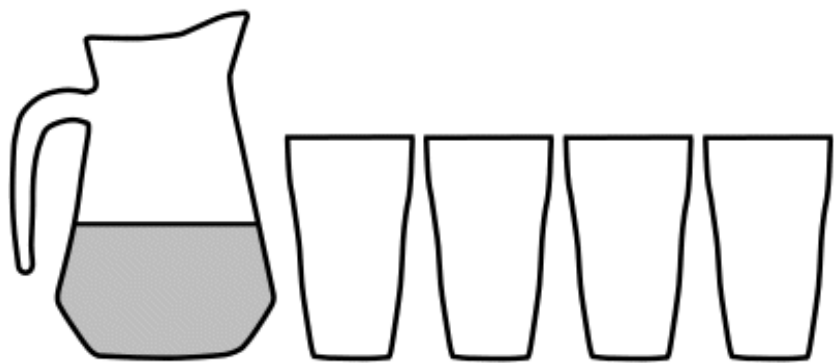


# OVER ALLOCATION

Throughout the Murray Darling Basin licences have been granted to extract more water than the system is able to supply in an average (non-drought) year.

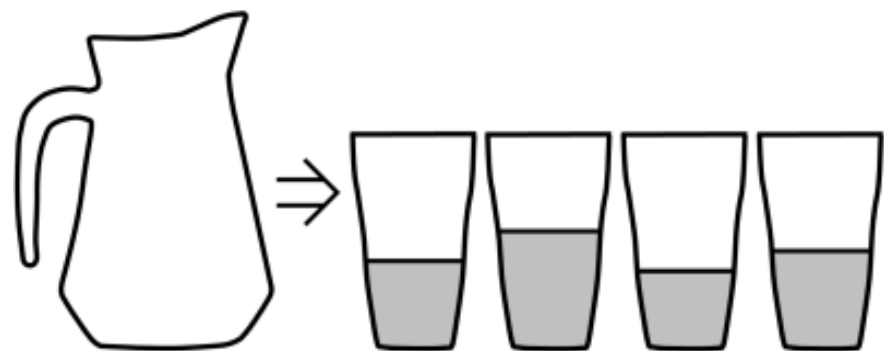


Jug empty  
Supply exhausted

Only some glasses able to be filled  
i.e. not all licensees needs can be met

## WATER TRADING

Means: moving water around between licensees—similar to moving the deck chairs on the Titanic. It gives no more water back to the river.



Jug still empty  
Supply still exhausted

## THE SOLUTION ??

Only if the Government buys back licences through water trading and retires this water to the environment (ie removes it from that available to irrigation or town supply) can any water be returned to the river.



Some water still in the jug  
i.e. some environmental flow  
remains in the river system.

Less glasses i.e. less licensees,  
smaller volume to be pumped.