

# Approval to take under Temporary Water Restrictions



Responsive management of temporary water restrictions

## Approval to take from floodplains under Temporary Water Restriction (Barwon-Darling) Order 2020

Water may be taken for the purpose of floodplain harvesting in accordance with the exemptions under the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018* for the floodplain (or part of the floodplain) as described in the table below.

The temporary water restriction is in place until 17 April 2020.

Floodplain	Approval Period (inclusive)
Barwon Darling Floodplain	5pm 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020 to 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2020

Further details about the temporary water restriction can be found on the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website.

### Reasons for Decisions

As a result of the restrictions in the Northern Basin, the long-awaited flows to the northern parts of NSW are now expected to meet critical needs along the full length of the Barwon-Darling River, and the target of 200 gigalitres into Lake Wetherell has now been achieved.

The storage in the Menindee Lakes system is now sufficient to achieve full connection to the end of the Lower Darling River and to meet critical needs for a minimum of 12 months. This includes some reserves for Lake Wetherell.

The water on the floodplain listed above is no longer coming from the river, nor is it draining back into the river. The take of water from the floodplain will not materially impact river flows.

Due to these conditions, I am satisfied there is sufficient water available for higher priority needs to approve the take of floodplain water at the locations, and for the period, specified in the Table above.

This approval is given in accordance with the Temporary Water Restriction (Barwon-Darling) Order 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'V. O'Keefe'.

Vanessa O'Keefe  
Executive Director, Planning Policy and Sciences, Water Group  
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

DATE: 31/03/2020

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### Note

See clause 39AA of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018* for an exemption in relation to a water supply work approval for the purpose of floodplain harvesting subject to certain conditions. See clause 17AA of Schedule 4 to the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018* for an exemption in relation to a water access licence for the purpose of floodplain harvesting subject to certain conditions.