

Approval to take under Temporary Water Restrictions



Responsive management of temporary water restrictions

Approval to take from unregulated water sources, as listed below and in the water sharing plan for the Namoi unregulated and alluvial water sources, under Temporary Water Restriction (Northern NSW Murray Darling Basin) Order 2020

The holders of access licences in the water sources specified in the Table below are approved to take water while the temporary water restriction is in place but only during the approval period as specified.

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

Licence Category	Water Source	Approval Period (inclusive)
Unregulated	Upper Macdonald River Water Source Mid Macdonald River Water Source Upper Namoi Water Source Werris Creek Water Source Rangira Creek Water Source Bluevale Water Source Coxs Creek Water Source Maules Creek Water Source Eulah Creek Water Source Bohena Creek Water Source Spring and Bobbiwaa Creeks Water Source Phillips Creek Water Source Mooki River Water Source Quirindi Creek Water Source Warrah Creek Water Source	08 th February to 17 th February 2020

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

Reasons for Approval

High rainfall in the Namoi valley has resulted in the public interest test being met. Flows are predicted to reach Walgett, and critical environmental needs in channel being met. Connectivity will be achieved with the Barwon Darling, and unregulated take from the above water sources will not materially impact on these flows.

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Due to these conditions, I am satisfied there is sufficient water available for higher priority needs to approve the licence holders specified in the Table to take water during the approval period in accordance with their licence conditions.

This approval is given in accordance with the Temporary Water Restriction (Northern NSW Murray Darling Basin) Order 2020.

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Allan Raine

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