

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) Amendment (No 2) 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 28 February 2020.

Licence Category	Water Source	Approval Period (inclusive)
Unregulated	Yarraman Creek within the Lake Goran water source	From 18 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

A further intensive rainfall event has occurred in Yarraman Creek on 17th February, 2020. This has resulted in very high localised flows and flash flooding. Yarraman Creek is a terminal system, ending in an alluvial fan, and does not connect to Lake Goran. In rare events when it does spill, it flows into the Mooki Creek water source. There are 2 water users along Yarraman Creek, and their take of water will not materially impact on the flows currently being experienced along Yarraman Creek, or downstream needs. This order seeks to only lift the restriction on Yarraman Creek.

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

A/Director, Water Planning Implementation, Water Group

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Date: 18/02/2020