

Approval to take under Temporary Water Restrictions



Responsive management of temporary water restrictions

Approval to take downstream of the Culgoa Junction in the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River Water Source under Temporary Water Restriction (Barwon-Darling) 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 current temporary water restriction is in place until 17 April 2020.

Licence Category	Water Source	Approval Period (inclusive)
Unregulated river (A, B, and C Class) access licences	Downstream of the Culgoa Junction Barwon-Darling-Unregulated River Water Source (Management Zones 10 to 14)	12pm 6 March – 17 April

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

Reasons for Decision

Following further rainfall and flows in the Barwon-Darling on 4-5 March, and increased flows forecast to arrive from Queensland through the Culgoa River system, forecast flows for the Barwon-Darling are now expected to significantly exceed the revised critical needs target of 200 GL at Lake Wetherell.

Consistent with previous decisions, access is only being permitted downstream of the Culgoa Junction on the basis that the Department is confident that critical downstream needs and the revised Lake Wetherell target of 200 GL will be met.

The restriction remains in place for Floodplain Harvesting take from the Barwon-Darling Valley Floodplain.

Due to these conditions, I am satisfied that the current critical needs in the Barwon-Darling will be met and that 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 (Barwon-Darling) Order 2020.

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