

Approval to take under Temporary Water Restrictions



Active management of temporary water restrictions

Approval to take from Macquarie River between Bathurst and Evans Plains Creek Water Source under Temporary Water Restriction (Northern NSW Murray Darling Basin) Order 2020

The holders of access licences in the water source specified in the Table below are approved to take water while the temporary water restriction is in place.

The temporary water restriction is in place until 31 January 2020.

Licence Category	Water Source	Approval Period (inclusive)
Unregulated river access licence	Macquarie River between Bathurst and Evans Plains Creek	23 January 2020 – 31 January 2020

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

Reasons for Approval

Access licence holders in this water source receive reliable water from excess Ben Chifley Dam water passing through Bathurst, as well as sewage treatment plant discharge. These few irrigators have planted crops on the basis of this reliable access. The rain event that commenced 16 January did not result in additional inflows to this water source. Therefore, as there are no natural inflows occurring, the current water restriction is prohibiting these irrigators from accessing water they would have otherwise been legally able to extract in any non-rainy period.

Due to these circumstances, I am satisfied that there is sufficient water available for higher priority needs to approve the licence holders specified in the above Table to take water in accordance with their licence conditions. This approval will be in effect from 24 January 2020 to 31 January 2020.

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

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24 January 2020