

# Approval to take under Temporary Water Restrictions



Responsive management of temporary water restrictions

## Approval to take from Gwydir under Temporary Water Restriction (Northern Basin) (Floodplain Harvesting) 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 28 February 2020.

Floodplain	Approval Period (inclusive)
Gwydir floodplain within the Mehi unregulated water source	09 <sup>th</sup> February to 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Gwydir floodplain within the Thalaba unregulated water source	

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

### Reasons for Approval

Over the last 2 days there has been in excess of 150mm of rain in lower Gwydir. Flows in the Mehi River are at 4000ML/day and 4,500ML/day in Moomim. Flows in the Barwon Darling are at 9000ML day at Collarenabri and 5000ML day at Tara. Flows from the Mehi are backing up due to high flows in the Barwon Darling.

Most flow targets have been met, and is now expected that targets at Brewarrina, and possibly Bourke, will also be met.

The main intent of lifting this order to minimise flood impacts, and allow farmers to move water around their property. 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 Basin) (Floodplain Harvesting) Order 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. Raine'.

Allan Raine

A/Director, Water Planning Implementation, Water Group

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Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

DATE: 09/02/2020

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.