

# Approval to take under Temporary Water Restrictions



Responsive management of temporary water restrictions

## Approval to take from the upstream of the Culgoa Junction in the Barwon-Darling Unregulated Water Source 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 current temporary water restriction is in place until 28 February 2020. A further temporary water restriction is being considered in the Barwon-Darling water source to continue to protect flows downstream to Lake Wetherell.

Licence Category	Water Source	Approval Period (inclusive)
Unregulated river (A, B, and C Class) access licences	Upstream of the Culgoa Junction Barwon-Darling-Unregulated River Water Source (Management Zones 1 to 9)	5pm 27 February – 28 February

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

### Reasons for Decision

Flows in the Barwon-Darling have reached Beemery, near the Culgoa Junction. Inputs from the Culgoa River system mean that forecast flows for the Barwon-Darling will exceed the critical needs target of 60-70GL at Lake Wetherell.

Allowing access to unregulated access licence holders in the Barwon-Darling, upstream of the Culgoa Junction will be consistent with how the Department has allowed access in the northern NSW tributaries of the Murray Darling Basin, that is, providing access when we are confident that the critical downstream needs and the Lake Wetherell target will be met.

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 (Northern NSW Murray Darling Basin) Order 2020.

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