

Approval to take under Temporary Water Restrictions



Active management of temporary water restrictions

Approval to take from the select water sources 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)
Regulated river (high security access licence)	Peel Regulated River Water Source	26 January 2020 – 31 January 2020
Unregulated river access licence	Mooki River Water Source Quirindi Creek Water Source	26 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

Rainfall events in last few days are producing encouraging runoffs from major tributaries flowing into the Peel River. In the back drop of good inflows from Cockburn and Goono Goono Rivers– Peel River is forecasted to re-establish continuity from Tamworth down to the Namoi River junction, meeting its replenishment target at Carrol Gap. The estimated small high security take, if allowed, will not break the connectivity or replenishment target.

Quirindi Creek is flowing at a rate of 5700 ML/d today. Mooki River is rising and expected to flow into Namoi River in the next few days. Discharges from Mooki River and Peel River are forecasted to re-establish connectivity of flows in Namoi River from Gunnedah to Narrabri. This connectivity will be achieved irrespective of prohibition of unregulated takes in Quirindi or Mooki Rivers. The actual pump sizes are small compared to the flow rates.

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 26 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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Shahadat Chowdhury, 26/1/20

A/Director, Water Planning Implementation

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