

# Approval to take under Temporary Water Restrictions



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## Approval to take from unregulated water sources, as listed below and in the water sharing plan for the Namoi unregulated and alluvial water sources, 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 temporary water restriction is in place until 17 February 2020.

Licence Category	Water Source	Approval Period (inclusive)
Unregulated	Brigalow, Bundock, Coghill, Etoo and Talluba, lower Namoi, Pian and Baradine	09 <sup>th</sup> February to 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2020

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 and mid Namoi. Flows in the Namoi River have exceeded (or forecast to exceed) all trigger targets. Flows in the Barwon Darling are at 9000ML day at Collarenabri and 5000ML day at Tara.

All flow targets have been met in the Namoi valley, and is now expected that targets at Brewarrina, and Bourke will also be met, in the Barwon Darling.

Unregulated access take from these water sources does not pose a material risk to further flows down the Barwon Darling, and in valley flow targets and critical water needs have been met. Water sharing plan rules will now apply.

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 NSW Murray Darling Basin) Order 2020.

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