

Approval to take under Temporary Water Restrictions



Responsive management of temporary water restrictions

Approval to take from unregulated water sources, as listed below and in the water sharing plan for the Gwydir 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	Mehi	09 th February to 12 th 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 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 Collarenebri 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 NSW Murray Darling Basin) Order 2020.

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