

# Approval to take under Temporary Water Restrictions



Responsive management of temporary water restrictions

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

Licence Category	Water Source	Approval Period (inclusive)
Regulated High Sec Regulated river (high security) access licence	Namoi, Peel, upper Namoi	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

It is estimated that HS take would be in the order of up to 150ML/day, 3ML/day, and 0.2ML/day in the Namoi, Peel, and upper Namoi respectively. At present, flows in the Namoi are 10,000ML day at Gunnedah and 14,000ML day at Narrabri (both still rising). These are well in excess of the flow targets to achieve high priority needs. Flows are also forecast to hit Walgett, and meet flow targets there, and contribute to flows in the Barwon Darling. The impact of allowing HS take is insignificant when considered against the flows, so will have no material impact on flow targets.

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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Allan Raine

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