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Temporary Water Restriction (Murrumbidgee I Water Source and Murrumbidgee II Water Source) Order 2023

under the

Water Management Act 2000

I, Julie-Anne Harty, by delegation from the Minister administering the *Water Management Act 2000*, in pursuance of section 324 (1) of the *Water Management Act 2000* and being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest to do so, make the following Order.

Dated 31/01/2023

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'J. Harty'.

JULIE-ANNE HARTY
Acting Director, Water Planning Implementation
Department of Planning and Environment
By delegation

Explanatory note

The object of this Order is to impose temporary water restrictions on the take of water under unregulated river access licences and unregulated river (high flow) access licences from Murrumbidgee I Water Source and Murrumbidgee II Water Source from 7 February to 17 February, 27 February to 6 March, and 22 April to 2 May 2023.

This Order is made under section 324 (1) of the *Water Management Act 2000* in order to manage water released from Tantangara Dam for environmental purposes.

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1 Name of Order

This Order is the *Temporary Water Restriction (Murrumbidgee I Water Source and Murrumbidgee II Water Source) Order 2023*.

2 Commencement

This Order commences the day on which it is published in the Gazette.

3 Duration

This Order will remain in force up to and including 2 May 2023 unless that date is amended, or the order is repealed before that date.

4 Temporary water restrictions

This Order is a direction to restrict the take of water under unregulated river access licences and unregulated river (high flow) access licences from Murrumbidgee I Water Source and Murrumbidgee II Water Source in accordance with the restrictions set out in Schedule 1.

5 Interpretation

(1) In this order:

Director means any of the following:

- (a) Director, Water Planning Implementation, Water Group for the Department of Planning and Environment,
- (b) Chief Operating Officer, Operations Division, Water Group for the Department of Planning and Environment,
- (c) any person who is for the time being acting or performing the duties and responsibilities of the role specified in paragraph (a) or (b).

Murrumbidgee I Water Source means the water source as described in the *Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Unregulated River Water Sources 2012*.

Murrumbidgee II Water Source means the water source as described in the *Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Unregulated River Water Sources 2012*.

(2) Unless otherwise defined, words and expressions that are defined in the *Water Management Act 2000* or in regulations made under that Act have the same meaning in this Order.

Schedule 1 Specified restrictions

- (1) The holder of an unregulated river access licence or unregulated river (high flow) access licence must not take water from the water source specified in Column 1 on the date specified in Column 4 of the corresponding row of the Table, unless:
- flows at the flow reference point specified in Column 2 of the corresponding row exceed the flow threshold specified in Column 3, or
 - the Director approves that take of water for a specified period in writing, being satisfied that such take would not have an adverse effect on the management of water released from Tantangara Dam for environmental purposes.

Table—specified restrictions on take of water

| Column 1 Water Source | Column 2 Flow reference point | Column 3 Flow threshold | Column 4 Specified date | |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Murrumbidgee I Water Source | Murrumbidgee River at Mittagang Crossing gauge (410033) | 45 ML/day | 7 February 2023 | |
| | | 45 ML/day | 8 February 2023 | |
| | | 100 ML/day | 9 February 2023 | |
| | | 100 ML/day | 10 February 2023 | |
| | | 70 ML/day | 11 February 2023 | |
| | | 70 ML/day | 12 February 2023 | |
| | | 40 ML/day | 13 February 2023 | |
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| | | 50 ML/day | 27 February 2023 | |
| | | 80 ML/day | 28 February 2023 | |
| | | 80 ML/day | 1 March 2023 | |
| | | 55 ML/day | 2 March 2023 | |
| | | 55 ML/day | 3 March 2023 | |
| | | 35 ML/day | 4 March 2023 | |
| | | 35 ML/day | 5 March 2023 | |
| | | | | |
| | | 50 ML/day | 22 April 2023 | |
| | | 50 ML/day | 23 April 2023 | |
| | | 75 ML/day | 24 April 2023 | |
| | | 75 ML/day | 25 April 2023 | |
| | | 75 ML/day | 26 April 2023 | |
| | | 95 ML/day | 27 April 2023 | |
| | | 95 ML/day | 28 April 2023 | |
| | | 65 ML/day | 29 April 2023 | |
| | | 65 ML/day | 30 April 2023 | |
| | | 45 ML/day | 1 May 2023 | |
| 45 ML/day | 2 May 2023 | | | |
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| Column 1 Water Source | Column 2 Flow reference point | Column 3 Flow threshold | Column 4 Specified date |
|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Murrumbidgee II Water Source | Murrumbidgee River at Billilingra gauge (410050) | 40 ML/day | 8 February 2023 |
| | | 40 ML/day | 9 February 2023 |
| | | 80 ML/day | 10 February 2023 |
| | | 80 ML/day | 11 February 2023 |
| | | 55 ML/day | 12 February 2023 |
| | | 55 ML/day | 13 February 2023 |
| | | 30 ML/day | 14 February 2023 |
| | | 30 ML/day | 15 February 2023 |
| | | 30 ML/day | 16 February 2023 |
| | | 30 ML/day | 17 February 2023 |
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| | | 40 ML/day | 27 February 2023 |
| | | 40 ML/day | 28 February 2023 |
| | | 65 ML/day | 1 March 2023 |
| | | 65 ML/day | 2 March 2023 |
| | | 45 ML/day | 3 March 2023 |
| | | 45 ML/day | 4 March 2023 |
| | | 30 ML/day | 5 March 2023 |
| | | 30 ML/day | 6 March 2023 |
| | | | |
| | | 40 ML/day | 22 April 2023 |
| | | 40 ML/day | 23 April 2023 |
| | | 60 ML/day | 24 April 2023 |
| | | 60 ML/day | 25 April 2023 |
| | | 60 ML/day | 26 April 2023 |
| | | 80 ML/day | 27 April 2023 |
| | | 80 ML/day | 28 April 2023 |
| | | 60 ML/day | 29 April 2023 |
| 60 ML/day | 30 April 2023 | | |
| 35 ML/day | 1 May 2023 | | |
| 35 ML/day | 2 May 2023 | | |