

**Title: WATER SUPPLY RESTRICTIONS WS-POL-11**

*Keywords: Yass Dam, Water Restrictions, Water Conservation, Murrumbateman Bore*

**Service: WATER**

**Responsible Officer: WATER & SEWER MANAGER**

## Objective

1. To conserve water supplied in drought situations;
2. To provide guidelines for the management and implementation of restriction levels.

## Policy

### 1. Statements

- 1.1. The General Manager is delegated authority to implement and revoke water restrictions;
- 1.2. The General Manager is delegated authority to issue exemptions from water restrictions;
- 1.3. Applications for exemptions may be granted on completion of an application form and the payment of the appropriate administration fee;
- 1.4. Environmental flows from the Yass Dam up to half the river inflow will be considered until the dam reaches 90%;
- 1.5. Water restrictions may be lifted from Level 2 when:
  - 1.5.1. **Yass Water Supply:**

dam inflow exceeds consumption for a continuous two week period and the dam is at 100%;
  - 1.5.2. **Murrumbateman Water Supply**

bore draw down level recovers to 4.3 m. from ground level.
- 1.6. The operation of restrictions and water consumption will be closely monitored and this policy reviewed as necessary.

## 2. Water Restrictions Stages

Stage	Level	Private	Commercial	Public
1	Permanent	<p>Sprinklers (include pop-ups and micro sprays) for one hour between the hours of 5.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m.</p> <p>Drippers allowed between 5.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m.</p> <p>Hand held hoses for one hour between 5.00 p.m and 10.00 pm. during the months of November to March and between 4.00 p.m and 10.00 pm. during the months of April to October.</p> <p>Washing of vehicles with hoses must comply with the times above. Private swimming pools must not be emptied or refilled without prior written exemption. Pools may be topped up with a hand held hose.</p> <p>Buckets can be used anytime. No hosing of hard surfaces unless cleaning is required as the result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.</p>	<p>Same as private usage. No restrictions on commercial car wash operations. Commercial nurseries are also exempted. Exemptions may be granted on application for a business related operation.</p>	<p>Parks, ovals and gardens watered at minimum level for sustainability.</p>
2	<p>99% of Dam (no flow over wall)</p> <p>5.0 m. bore</p>	<p>Sprinklers (these include pop-ups and micro-sprays) or hand held hoses for one hour only in accordance with the following schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Odd street numbered houses 6.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. in the summer months and 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. in the winter months, on odd numbered days;</li> <li>• Even street numbered houses, 6.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. in the summer months and 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. in the winter months, on even numbered days.</li> </ul> <p>Drippers allowed between the hours of 6.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m.</p> <p>Washing of vehicles with hoses must comply with the above hours.</p> <p>Private swimming pools must not be either emptied or refilled without prior written exemption. Pools may be topped up with a hand held hose.</p> <p>Buckets can be used at anytime. No hosing of hard surfaces unless cleaning is required as the result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.</p>	As above	As above

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3	85% of Dam  6.0 m. bore	<p>No sprinklers.</p> <p>Hand held hoses and drippers for one hour only in accordance with the following schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Odd street numbered houses 6.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. in the summer months and 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. in the winter months, on odd numbered days;</li> <li>• Even street numbered houses, 6.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. in the summer months and 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. in the winter months, on even numbered days.</li> </ul> <p>Washing of vehicles by hand is also permitted. Rinsing by the use of a trigger hose is also permitted.</p> <p>Private swimming pools must not be either emptied or refilled without prior written exemption.</p> <p>Buckets can be used at anytime. No hosing of hard surfaces unless cleaning is required as the result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.</p>	<p>Same as private usage.</p> <p>Commercial car wash that recycles water and holds an exemption can still operate.</p> <p>Commercial nurseries are also exempt.</p> <p>Exemptions may be granted on application for business related operations.</p>	<p>No use of treated water except for watering of Victoria Park turf wicket.</p> <p>Council standpipe limited to supply for domestic consumption only.</p>
4	70% of Dam  6.5 m. bore	<p>No sprinklers, no drippers.</p> <p>The watering of lawns is not permitted.</p> <p>Hand held hoses for a half hour only in accordance with the following schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Odd street numbered houses 6.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. in the summer months and 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. in the winter months, on odd numbered days;</li> <li>• Even street numbered houses, 6.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. in the summer months and 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. in the winter months, on even numbered days.</li> </ul> <p>Washing of vehicles is not permitted except at a Commercial Car Wash.</p> <p>Pools may not be topped up without prior written exemption.</p> <p>Buckets can be used at anytime.</p> <p>Water is not to be used to clean hard surfaces unless this is required as a</p>	<p>Same as private usage.</p> <p>Commercial car wash that recycles water and holds an exemption can still operate.</p> <p>Exemptions may be granted on application for business related operations.</p>	<p>No use of treated water except for hand watering of Victoria Park turf wicket.</p> <p>Council standpipe limited to supply for domestic consumption only.</p>

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		result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.		
5	60% of Dam  7.0 m. bore	No external water (recycled water only permitted).  Washing of vehicles is not permitted.  No filling or topping up of private swimming pools.  Water is not to be used to clean hard surfaces unless this is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.	Same as private usage.  Exemptions may be granted on application for business related operations.	No use of treated water except for hand watering of Victoria Park turf wicket.  Council standpipe limited to supply for domestic consumption only.

N.B. "Dam" refers to the level of the Yass Dam, percentage full;  
"Bore" refers to the drawdown level of the Murrumbateman Bore.

## Other Relevant Policies/Procedures

Water Supply Policy.  
Previously known as Policy W.09.

## History

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