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Temporary Water Restriction (Murrumbidgee I Water Source and Murrumbidgee II Water Source) Order 2025

under the

Water Management Act 2000

I, Zahra Anver, 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 4 February 2025

ZAHRA ANVER

**Acting Executive Director, Water Operations and Resilience
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
By delegation**

Explanatory note

The purpose 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 28 February 2025.

This Order is made under section 324(1) of the *Water Management Act 2000* 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 2025*.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on 7 February 2025.

3 Duration

This Order will remain in force up to and including 28 February 2025 unless that date is amended, or this Order is repealed before that date.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 specified 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 Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water,
- (b) Executive Director, Water Operations and Resilience, Water Group for the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water,
- (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—
- (a) flows at the flow reference point specified in Column 2 of the corresponding row exceed the flow threshold specified in Column 3, or
 - (b) 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	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Water Source	Flow reference point	Flow threshold	Specified date
Murrumbidgee I Water Source	Murrumbidgee River at Mittagang Crossing gauge (410033)	43 ML/day	7 February 2025
		68 ML/day	8 February 2025
		68 ML/day	9 February 2025
		54 ML/day	10 February 2025
		40 ML/day	11 February 2025
		34 ML/day	12 February 2025
		33 ML/day	13 February 2025
		33 ML/day	14 February 2025
		33 ML/day	15 February 2025
		33 ML/day	16 February 2025
		33 ML/day	17 February 2025
		53 ML/day	18 February 2025
		89 ML/day	19 February 2025
		86 ML/day	20 February 2025
		66 ML/day	21 February 2025
		49 ML/day	22 February 2025
		37 ML/day	23 February 2025
		33 ML/day	24 February 2025
		33 ML/day	25 February 2025
		33 ML/day	26 February 2025
33 ML/day	27 February 2025		
33 ML/day	28 February 2025		
		28 ML/day	7 February 2025

Murrumbidgee II Water Source	Murrumbidgee River at Billilingra gauge (410050)	35 ML/day	8 February 2025
		51 ML/day	9 February 2025
		49 ML/day	10 February 2025
		38 ML/day	11 February 2025
		31 ML/day	12 February 2025
		28 ML/day	13 February 2025
		27 ML/day	14 February 2025
		27 ML/day	15 February 2025
		27 ML/day	16 February 2025
		27 ML/day	17 February 2025
		29 ML/day	18 February 2025
		50 ML/day	19 February 2025
		70 ML/day	20 February 2025
		64 ML/day	21 February 2025
		48 ML/day	22 February 2025
		34 ML/day	23 February 2025
		29 ML/day	24 February 2025
		27 ML/day	25 February 2025
		27 ML/day	26 February 2025
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