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## Level 1 Water Restrictions Introduced

With the ongoing dry conditions and dropping water supplies level 1 water restrictions have been put in place from 10 October 2023 for Binnaway, Coonabarabran, Mendooran and Merrygoen.

“The introduction to level 1 water restrictions is in response to the ongoing dry conditions being experienced across the Shire, in accordance with Council’s Drought Management Plan,” said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. “Timor Dam has fallen to 70% capacity, which is the trigger for introduction of water restrictions.”

“This decision has not been taken lightly,” said Cr Doolan. “Council is keen to make timely decisions in relation to water restriction levels as we seek to preserve precious water supplies.”

“Our focus is on those towns and villages whose water supply is from the Castlereagh River and Timor Dam, while we will monitor those towns and villages on bore supplies.”

On level 1 water restrictions, residents are asked that watering systems, non-fixed sprinklers, hand held hoses, microsprays, drip systems and soaker hoses, are only used between 6:00pm till 9:00am daily. Washing of cars is permitted with buckets only and rinsed with trigger hose only, on lawn at any time.

Residents are encouraged to limit their water usage and preserve water wherever possible.

For more information on the individual water restriction levels please refer to the Council notices or visit [Council's webpage](#).

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The following updated restrictions on the use of town water in Coonabarabran, Binnaway, Mendooran and Merrygoen are now in place. These restrictions will be in place until further notice. This notice is given in accordance with *Regulation 137* of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*. Your cooperation in complying with these restrictions is appreciated. Failure to comply may result in restrictions or disconnection of services.

### Effective Date: 10 October 2023

Type of Consumer & Activity	Restriction
<b>Domestic – target water consumption of 260 litres per person, per day</b>	
Watering of lawns and residential gardens	Watering systems, non fixed sprinklers, hand held hoses, microsprays, drip systems and soaker hoses, permitted between 6:00am – 10:00am and 4:00pm – 10:00pm daily.
Filling or topping up of garden water features	Permitted
First fill or topping up of private swimming pools or spas	Permitted
Inflatable or temporary children's pools	Permitted
New turf irrigation	Permitted for one week after laying after which Level 1 restrictions on watering lawns applies.
Washing down walls or paved surfaces	Not permitted
Washing cars at home	Permitted with bucket and rinse with trigger hose only, on lawn at any time.
Baths and showers	Permitted
Washing of clothes	Permitted
Evaporative air conditioners	Permitted

<b>Commercial and Non-Residential</b>	
Watering of lawns and gardens	Watering systems, non fixed sprinklers, hand held hoses, microsprays, drip systems and soaker hoses, permitted between 6:00am – 10:00am and 4:00pm – 10:00pm daily.
Irrigation of new turf at non-residential premises	Permitted for one week after laying after which Level 1 restrictions on watering lawns applies.
Cleaning - exterior	Permitted with trigger hoses any time
<p>All other businesses and facilities are including :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First fill or topping up of public swimming pools or spas, including motels</li> <li>• Turf farm irrigation and market gardens</li> <li>• Construction industry e.g. mortar or concrete mix</li> <li>• Public car and truck wash facilities</li> <li>• Construction – wash down, paint preparation and curing</li> <li>• Commercial or Government nurseries</li> <li>• Abattoirs, food or pet food production and canneries</li> <li>• Pet Care</li> <li>• Public water features</li> <li>• Child Care</li> <li>• Public parks, gardens, aviaries, plant houses and zoos</li> <li>• School, technical colleges and universities</li> <li>• Hospitals, hospices, nursing home, rehabilitation centres and aged care accommodation</li> <li>• Motels, caravan parks and cabins</li> <li>• Hotels and registered clubs</li> <li>• Businesses with cooling towers</li> </ul>	Permitted

For more information see Warrumbungle Shire Council's Drought Management Plan, available on Council's website at [www.warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au).