



## Central Tablelands Water Media Release

### Lake Rowlands level increases after snow event

The general manager of Central Tablelands Water (CTW), Gavin Rhodes, has advised that the level of Lake Rowlands has increased from 50% to 58% as a result of the recent snow event in the Central Tablelands area.

Mr Rhodes said: “although the level of Lake Rowlands had been holding steady at 50% over the past month, it was very pleasing to receive approximately 50mm of rain and a decent dump of snow in the Lake Rowlands catchment over the past 7 to 10 days. The level of Lake Rowlands has increased from 50% to 58% during that time, which is very encouraging leading into the warmer periods of spring and summer. Now that the catchment has been saturated by the recent snow event, we need more follow up rain and subsequent run-off. It just goes to show what a great catchment Lake Rowlands is as we (CTW) continue to lobby both State and Federal governments to fund additional storage.”

Enlarging Lake Rowlands has been proposed since 1977. CTW’s chairman, Cr David Somerville said, “An enlarged Lake Rowlands would help secure water for town water supply, environmental flows, industrial development and continued investment in the region. Lake Rowlands has the potential to be a strategic water supply asset for the entire region. With the prolonged drought gripping 98% of the State, we need to plan and put strategies in place both short and long term to increase water security for the region.”

Despite the recent increase to the level of Lake Rowlands, Level 3 water restrictions remain in place for the entire CTW supply network.

CTW will continue to closely monitor the inflows into Lake Rowlands and long term rainfall forecasts of the Bureau of Meteorology.

All information pertaining to the requirements of Level 3 Water Restrictions is available on CTW’s website at [www.ctw.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ctw.nsw.gov.au) or by contacting the CTW administration office on 02 6391 7200.

CTW would like to thank its consumers for their continued understanding during this period of drought and the importance of using water wisely.

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