



Central Tablelands Water Media Release

Water Restrictions to be eased from 6 July 2020

The general manager of Central Tablelands Water (CTW), Gavin Rhodes, has advised that the Council of CTW resolved at an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 30 June to ease water restrictions for the entire CTW supply network from Level 5 to Level 4 commencing Monday 6 July 2020 due to the recent inflows in the Lake Rowlands catchment.

Mr Rhodes said: "after receiving substantial inflows in the Lake Rowlands catchment over the past three (3) months, the level of Lake Rowlands has now increased to 56%. This has seen a much welcomed rise of approximately 24% since late April and now that the catchment is saturated, any follow up rain received continues to have a positive impact on the dam level."

Mr Rhodes said, "although Council has resolved to ease water restrictions from Level 5 to Level 4, the Central Tablelands region is still in drought, and as a regional water supply authority it is imperative that CTW continues to prudently manage its finite resource. Our consumers have been extremely vigilant during increased restriction periods and the focus on conserving water to build on the Lake Rowlands storage level during winter and spring as much as possible prior to summer should remain."

CTW's chairman, Cr David Somervaille said, "with the continual rise of Lake Rowlands, the CTW Board were unanimous in endorsing senior management's recommendation to ease the Level 5 restriction. On behalf of the board and senior management, I would like to acknowledge our consumers for their understanding and acceptance of the restrictions that have been imposed on them to assist CTW in managing this prolonged drought. And now that conditions have turned for the better, it is time to ease those restrictions in a sustainable and responsible manner."

Level 4 restrictions consists of the watering of gardens on Wednesdays and Sundays only, between 7am and 9am or 4pm and 6pm for a maximum of 1 hour in total during those allocated days. Watering of lawns is not permitted. All information pertaining to the requirements of Level 4 Water Restrictions is available on CTW's website at www.ctw.nsw.gov.au or by contacting the CTW administration office on 02 6391 7200.

CTW will continue to closely monitor the level of Lake Rowlands and Bureau of Meteorology's climate outlook prior to recommending any further changes to the restriction level.

Level 4 water restrictions for the entire CTW supply network will come into effect from Monday 6 July 2020.

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