

# Temporary water restriction for Upper Murrumbidgee River

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The NSW Department of Planning and Environment has announced a temporary water restriction for the Upper Murrumbidgee River in the Murrumbidgee I and II water sources from Friday 1 September to 30 November 2023.

The temporary water restriction increases the commence-to-pump thresholds applicable to unregulated river and unregulated river (high flow) access licence holders.

**Raised commence-to-pump threshold are published on the WaterInsights Murrumbidgee I and II pages at [WaterInsights \(https://waterinsights.waternsw.com.au/updates\)](https://waterinsights.waternsw.com.au/updates).**

The temporary water restriction is required to protect the environmental water releases from extraction in the upper Murrumbidgee River to improve the physical condition of in-stream habitat.

The environmental releases will be made throughout the 1 September – 30 November period and includes one high-flow release, peaking at 1,500 megalitres per day on Wednesday 20 September.

**The temporary water restriction applies to Murrumbidgee River unregulated water access licence holders who draw water from either Murrumbidgee I or II water sources, as described in the Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Unregulated River Water Source 2012.**

The temporary water restriction does not apply to stock and domestic water or town water supply.

The restriction will remain in force up to and including Thursday 30 September 2023, unless that date is amended or the order is repealed before that date.

For more information visit [Temporary water restrictions \(https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/our-work/allocations-availability/temporary-water-restrictions\)](https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/our-work/allocations-availability/temporary-water-restrictions).



A temporary water restriction for the Upper Murrumbidgee River in the Murrumbidgee I and II water sources

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The NSW Government is extending the public exhibition period for 7 draft water sharing plans across regional NSW until early 2025, giving communities even more time to have their say.



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