

Media Release

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Temporary water restriction for the Upper Murrumbidgee River

The NSW Government has announced a temporary water restriction for the Upper Murrumbidgee River in the Murrumbidgee I and II water sources from Friday 19 December 2025 to Saturday 21 February 2026 due to dry conditions.

The temporary water restriction is required to protect environmental water releases from extraction in the upper Murrumbidgee River to improve ecological outcomes. When there is prolonged hot weather and limited rainfall, environmental water needs to be protected.

This order increases the cease-to-pump thresholds which apply to unregulated river access licence holders.

Raised cease-to-pump threshold are published on the WaterInsights Murrumbidgee I and II pages:

- [Murrumbidgee I](#)
- [Murrumbidgee II](#)

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

The restriction will remain in force until midnight on Saturday 21 February 2026, unless it is amended or the order is repealed before that date. We will continue to keep the community informed of any changes.

For more information visit: [Temporary Water Restrictions](#).

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