

Community update for Menindee and Lower Darling-Baaka

Increased flows from Menindee Lakes

The MDBA has recently increased its call on water from the Menindee Lakes to meet demands in the River Murray. The MDBA's call at Weir 32 increased to 1,300 ML/day on Thursday 12 September and will begin increasing further on Monday 16 September until it reaches a target of 3,000 ML/day by Friday 20 September. The Menindee/Lower Darling Water Quality Working Group have agreed that 810 ML/day will be released from Lake Wetherell via the Lake Wetherell outlet and the remainder from Lake Menindee via the Menindee Outlet. If conditions remain dry the MDBA may further increase its call in coming weeks.

Flows passing through Wilcannia are currently around 2000 ML/day. Inflow forecasting from the ongoing rainfall across the Northern catchments indicate that the Menindee Lakes may receive additional inflows estimated at 100 – 120 GL over the next two months.

Additional information

- To notify the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water of potential blackwater events email: water.enquiries@dpie.nsw.gov.au
- To view community updates issued, visit [Community updates and frequently asked questions | Water \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)
- To report dead fish, fish struggling or gasping at the water surface, or crayfish leaving the water please call the **NSW DPI Fisheries Phonenumber 1800 043 536** or fill in a fish kill protocol and report form at: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/habitat/threats/fish-kills-2019-2020/info-sheet>
- Information on recent fish deaths is available at: [Fish kills in NSW](#). When reporting, please include the name of the river/waterbody, location and date of your observation and provide photographs. If possible, please also record what species are affected and an estimate of number of each species observed.
- Further information on blackwater events can be found at the DCCEEW Water website at: [Hypoxic blackwater | Water \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)
- Additional information is also available on the Murray-Darling Basin Authority website at: <https://www.mdba.gov.au/climate-and-river-health/water-quality/fish-deaths>
<https://www.mdba.gov.au/water-management/infrastructure/menindee-lakes>
- Operational updates are available at: [WaterInsights - WaterNSW](#)
- Water quality data collected after the fish deaths at Menindee is available on the Environment Protection Authority web page at: <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/community-engagement/updates-on-issues/menindee-fish-kill>