



New South Wales
Government

Temporary Water Restriction (Murrumbidgee I Water Source and Murrumbidgee II Water Source) Order (No. 1) 2026

under the

Water Management Act 2000

I, Allan Raine, by delegation from the Minister administering the *Water Management Act 2000*, in pursuance of section 324(1) of the *Water Management Act 2000* and being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest to do so, make the following Order.

Dated 06 February 2026

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. Raine'.

ALLAN RAINE

**Director, Water Planning Implementation, Water Group
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
By delegation**

Explanatory note

The purpose of this Order is to impose temporary water restrictions on the take of water under unregulated river access licences from Murrumbidgee I Water Source and Murrumbidgee II Water Source from 9 February 2026 to 28 February 2026.

This Order is made under section 324(1) of the *Water Management Act 2000* to manage water released from Tantangara Dam for environmental purposes.

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1 Name of Order

This Order is the *Temporary Water Restriction (Murrumbidgee I Water Source and Murrumbidgee II Water Source) Order (No. 1) 2026*.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on 9 February 2026.

3 Repeal of previous order

This Order repeals the order made under section 324 of the *Water Management Act 2000*, dated 9 December 2025, and published in the NSW Government Gazette No 518, dated 12 December 2025.

4 Duration

This Order will remain in force up to and including 28 February 2026 unless that date is amended, or this Order is repealed before that date.

5 Temporary water restrictions

This Order is a direction to restrict the take of water under unregulated river access licences from Murrumbidgee I Water Source and Murrumbidgee II Water Source in accordance with the restrictions specified in Schedule 1.

6 Interpretation

(1) In this Order:

Director means any of the following:

- (a) Director, Water Planning Implementation, Water Group for the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water,
- (b) Executive Director, Water Operations and Resilience, Water Group for the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water,
- (c) any person who is for the time being acting or performing the duties and responsibilities of the role specified in paragraph (a) or (b).

Murrumbidgee I Water Source means the water source as described in the *Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Unregulated River Water Sources 2025*.

Murrumbidgee II Water Source means the water source as described in the *Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Unregulated River Water Sources 2025*.

- (2) Unless otherwise defined, words and expressions that are defined in the *Water Management Act 2000* or in regulations made under that Act have the same meaning in this Order

Schedule 1 Specified restrictions

- (1) The holder of an unregulated river access licence must not take water from the water source specified in Column 1 on the date specified in Column 4 of the corresponding row of the Table, unless—
- (a) flows at the flow reference point specified in Column 2 of the corresponding row exceed the flow threshold specified in Column 3, or
 - (b) the Director approves that take of water for a specified period in writing, being satisfied that such take would not have an adverse effect on the management of water released from Tantangara Dam for environmental purposes.

Table—specified restrictions on take of water

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Water Source	Flow reference point	Flow threshold	Specified date
Murrumbidgee I Water Source	Murrumbidgee River at Mittagang Crossing gauge (410033)	43 ML/day	9 February 2026
		43 ML/day	10 February 2026
		43 ML/day	11 February 2026
		43 ML/day	12 February 2026
		43 ML/day	13 February 2026
		43 ML/day	14 February 2026
		51 ML/day	15 February 2026
		53 ML/day	16 February 2026
		45 ML/day	17 February 2026
		43 ML/day	18 February 2026
		43 ML/day	19 February 2026
		43 ML/day	20 February 2026
		43 ML/day	21 February 2026
		43 ML/day	22 February 2026
		43 ML/day	23 February 2026
		43 ML/day	24 February 2026
		43 ML/day	25 February 2026
		43 ML/day	26 February 2026
		43 ML/day	27 February 2026
		43 ML/day	28 February 2026
		36 ML/day	9 February 2026

Murrumbidgee II Water Source	Murrumbidgee River at Billilingra gauge (410050)	36 ML/day	10 February 2026
		36 ML/day	11 February 2026
		36 ML/day	12 February 2026
		36 ML/day	13 February 2026
		36 ML/day	14 February 2026
		36 ML/day	15 February 2026
		36 ML/day	16 February 2026
		36 ML/day	17 February 2026
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