

Wednesday, 2 December 2020

Level 3 water restrictions for Hilltops Council and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council

Goldenfields Water County Council advises customers that due to a wide spread power outage, caused by storm damage, that the Jugiong Water Treatment Plant and associated network pumps stations have limited ability to transport water across the supply scheme. Goldenfields Staff are working closely with the relevant energy supply companies to establish an estimated timeframe for re-energising these assets.

Whilst there is no immediate risk of loss of water supply to our customers as our reservoir levels currently remain full, Goldenfields Water are preparing for an extended period of power outage that may lead to reduced levels of service to customers at some stage. Therefore; due to the current unknown timeframe for re-establishing power to allow for the transport of water across the Jugiong scheme, we are imposing an immediate Level 3 restriction of water supply activities for all customers located within the Hilltops Council and the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council areas.

These restrictions apply to the townships and surrounding areas of:

- Jugiong
- Young
- Harden
- Wallendbeen
- Cootamundra
- Stockinbingal

All of the above towns and surrounding areas are under level 3 water restrictions until further notice.

Goldenfields Water wishes to apologise for any inconvenience and thank everyone for their patience during this period of restriction.

The following restrictions apply to all customers (residential, rural and commercial) within the Jugiong Water Supply Scheme:

Domestic Use

- Sprinkler and soaker hoses banned
- Use of hand held hoses or watering cans may only be used between 5.00pm – 7.00pm
- Swimming Pools: filling of swimming pools and spas is prohibited.
- Washing Motor Vehicles: bucket washing, trigger hose or pressure cleaners for rinsing

- Minimise shower use to less than 4 minutes

Commercial/Rural use

- Use of irrigation between 3.00pm – 4.00pm only
- Crop spraying and bulk water usage is banned. Please contact Goldenfields Water for further information.

Under the Local Government Act 1993, the maximum penalty that may be applied for a breach of imposed water restrictions is \$2,200 for corporations and \$220 for individuals.

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 137 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, which permits the use of water to be restricted if there is a shortage of supply. **This notice shall take effect immediately from 2nd December 2020 and will remain in effect until varied by further notice.**

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We supply drinking water to approximately 46,000 customers across an area of 23,000 square kilometres in parts of NSW's South West Slopes and Riverina regions. Our water supply functions cover the local government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Temora, and parts of Cootamundra-Gundagai, Hilltops and Narrandera.