



Level 2 Water Restrictions - Hunter

As a region we're experiencing the lowest water levels in our dams in over two decades and due to this Hunter Water is introducing Level 2 water restrictions on the 20th January 2020.

Water restrictions apply to all properties and businesses connected to the Hunter Water Supply Network in the area of Cessnock, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Newcastle, Port Stephens, Dungog and parts of Singleton.

Daracon is a significant industrial user of the Hunter Water Network, and as such is required to implement a 'Water Efficiency Management Plan' which is under development with Hunter Water.

More information will follow in the coming weeks in an effort to limit water usage as far as practicable.

Business exemptions are also being finalised with Hunter Water in Jan / Feb 2020.



DARACON FACILITIES AND PROJECT SITES

To assist in our business focus to save water consider the following at your sites:

- Report all water leaks immediately from plant or infrastructure.
- Avoid excavation or stripping areas where possible to limit exposed soil surfaces and the need for dust suppression.
- Consider causes of dust onsite and review practicality of alternate means for reducing dust generation
 - e.g. utilising ground cover, mulch, geo-fabrics, application soil binders/agents, rather than only using water.
- Inspect and maintain plant and equipment
 - e.g. maintain pumping equipment and water carts, assess for leak points and replace leaking hoses and/or fittings.
- Consider the scheduling of landscaping works due to Level 2 water restrictions.
- Inspect site compounds for leaking taps, toilets and fittings; repair where necessary.
- Implement and use water efficient devices onsite
 - e.g. trigger nozzles on hoses and flow restrictors on pressure sprayers (<20L/min).
- Don't leave taps and hoses running unattended.
- Discuss water restrictions, areas for water savings, or alternative sources of water with your teams.



AT HOME

The below actions should also be implemented at home during level 2 water restrictions:

- Discuss water restrictions with family and friends.
- Keep showers to 4 minutes.
- Only conduct outdoor watering before 10am and after 4pm (for up to 15 minutes every second day).
- Vehicles and buildings bucket wash only.



EVERY DROP COUNTS

- A dripping tap can waste up to 3L per day.
- Save 14,500 litres of water each year with a 3-star water efficient showerhead.
- Save 30,000 to 40,000 litres of water per year by replacing an old 11 litre single flush toilet with a 4-star dual flush toilet.
- Water efficient washing machines can save two thirds of the water that an older model uses.

For full list of level 2 water restrictions visit: www.hunterwater.com.au