

	<h1>Cloncurry Shire Council</h1>	<p><b>POLICY NO.</b></p> <p>WES 1003</p>
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## WATER RESTRICTIONS POLICY

### 1. Objectives

1.1 The following policy has been developed to assist Council to better manage its water resources more effectively. This strategy introduces levels and actions required for water restriction implementation, which are triggered by Chinaman Creek Dam's capacity shown as a percentage of capacity full. The following restrictions are to be automatically invoked by the Chief Executive Officer without referral to Council, once the dam level is reached.

1.2 The intent of this policy is to:

- Provide guidelines for the conservation of potable water for stated purposes by:
  - a) Specifying the hours when water may or may not be used; or
  - b) Specifying the way water may be used and the method of dispersing water.
- Provide guidelines in respect to the conditions under which water restrictions may be introduced.
- Provide for exemptions to imposed water restrictions.

### 2. Scope

2.1. This policy is for the implementing of water restrictions within the Cloncurry Shire and provide guidelines to effectively manage the conservation of water.

2.2. This policy applies to consumers of potable water supplied by Cloncurry Shire Council, within the Cloncurry Shire.

### 3. Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 The Director Works and Environmental Services is responsible for ensuring this policy is understood and adhered to.

### 4. Definitions

<b>Alternate days "odds &amp; evens"</b>	designated days of water use, such that, where permitted properties with even house/lot numbers are permitted use on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and properties with odd house/lot numbers are permitted use on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
<b>Authorised Officer</b>	a person authorised by Cloncurry Shire Council to exercise the powers of an authorised person under the Water Act and State Penalties Enforcement Act.
<b>Domestic purposes</b>	potable water taken from the water supply system inside any premise for drinking, cooking, washing persons and clothes, use for dishwashing, or cleaning, heating and cooling a building.
<b>Drip system</b>	a watering system that restricts the flow of water to a nominal amount such as an emitter and applies water directly to the soil around plants

	and must incorporate a manual or automatic timer in operational condition.
<b>Exemption</b>	permission approved by Cloncurry Shire Council in writing and accepted by an applicant that modifies or waives any water conservation measure under this policy.
<b>Exemption Permit</b>	a permit issued by Council granting an exemption from water conservation measures to an approved exemption holder. An exemption permit must be displayed in a prominent position on the property and will contain the name of the exemption holder, an approved property address, an approval number, any conditions attached to the approval and a commencement and expiry date or a level to which the approval is given.
<b>Sprinkler</b>	a pipe or hose system and nozzle, soaker-hose or similar device used to distribute, sprinkle or spray water in any manner other than by a hand-held hose excluding microspray and drip systems.
<b>Hand-held hose</b>	a hose or pipe used to convey water, held in the physical possession of a person controlling the efficient distribution of water.
<b>Microspray</b>	a watering system that creates a fine jet or mist of water and must incorporate a manual or automatic timer in operational condition.
<b>Paved area</b>	footpath, driveway, hard standing area or similar having an impervious surface such as concrete, asphalt, paving stones, tiles, etc.
<b>Level</b>	the increment as set out in 5.1 of this policy designating particular water conservation criteria.
<b>Timer</b>	any electronic or mechanical timing device that is used to regulated the time and duration of water flow to a sprinkler, microspray or drip watering system.
<b>Water</b>	potable water supplied by Cloncurry Shire Council's water supply system.
<b>Water supply system</b>	Cloncurry Shire Council's infrastructure assets associated with the provision and distribution of water to customers, consumers, and users.

## 5. Policy

### 5.1. Levels of Restrictions

<b>Level</b>	<b><i>Chinaman Creek Dam Capacity</i></b>	<b><i>Restrictions</i></b>
<i>One</i>	<i>Above 60%</i>	<i>Operational all year round until dam level drops to 60% of capacity. Sprinkling only between 5:00am to 9:00am and 6:00pm to 10:00pm “odds &amp; evens”.</i>
<i>Two</i>	<i>Below 60%</i> <i>(Target Water Consumption below 3.5 ML/Day)</i>	<i>Operational all year round until dam level drops to below 60% of capacity. Sprinkling only between 5:00am to 8:00am and 7:00pm to 10:00pm “odds &amp; evens”.</i>
<i>Three</i>	<i>Below 50%</i> <i>(Target Water Consumption below 3.2 ML/Day)</i>	<i>Implement “odds &amp; evens” water restrictions:- 5:00am to 7:00am and 8:00pm to 10:00pm. Start public awareness program.</i>
<i>Four</i>	<i>Below 40%</i> <i>(Target Water Consumption below 3 ML/Day)</i>	<i>Reduce watering hours to 6:00am to 7:00am and 8:00pm to 9:00pm. Continue public awareness program.</i>
<i>Five</i>	<i>Below 30%</i> <i>(Target Water Consumption below 2.8 ML/Day)</i>	<i>Total sprinkler ban. Hand held hose permitted. Continue public awareness program.</i>
<i>Six</i>	<i>Below 20%</i> <i>(Target Water Consumption below 2.5 ML/Day)</i>	<i>Total sprinkler ban. Limited hand held hose use permitted. Continue public awareness program.</i>

#### ***Level One (1) Water Restrictions (above 60%)***

(Operational all year round until dam level drops to 60% of capacity)

- Sprinklers are permitted between 5:00am to 9:00am and 6:00pm to 10:00pm on alternate days. i.e. properties with even house/lot numbers are permitted use on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and properties with odd house/lot numbers are permitted use on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. No sprinklers or unattended hoses are permitted on Mondays.
- Microspray and drip systems can be used between 5:00am to 9:00am and 6:00pm to 10:00pm on alternate days.
- Newly-constructed pools and spas cannot be filled for the first time without permission from Council.
- Fountains and water ornaments can only operate if they recycle the water.
- Washing privately owned cars, boats and other vehicles is permitted.
- Water must not be used to clean paved or concreted areas, except for health and safety reasons.

#### ***Level Two (2) Water Restrictions (below 60%)***

(Operational all year round until dam level drops to below 60% of capacity)

- Sprinklers are permitted between 5:00am to 8:00am and 7:00pm to 10:00pm on alternate days. i.e. properties with even house/lot numbers are permitted use on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and properties with odd house/lot numbers are permitted use on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. No sprinklers or unattended hoses are permitted on Mondays.
- Microspray and drip systems can be used between 5:00am to 8:00am and 7:00pm to 10:00pm on alternate days.
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- Washing privately owned cars, boats and other vehicles is permitted.
- Water must not be used to clean paved or concreted areas, except for health and safety reasons.

#### ***Level Three (3) Water Restrictions (below 50%)***

- Sprinklers are permitted between 5:00am to 7:00am and 8:00pm to 10:00pm on alternate days. i.e. properties with even house/lot numbers are permitted use on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and properties with odd house/lot numbers are permitted use on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
- No sprinklers or unattended hoses are permitted on Mondays.
- Microspray and drip systems can be used between 5:00am to 7:00am and 8:00pm to 10:00pm on alternate days.
- Newly-constructed pools and spas cannot be filled for the first time without permission from Council.
- Fountains and water ornaments can only operate if they recycle the water.
- Washing privately owned cars, boats and other vehicles is permitted.
- Water must not be used to clean paved or concreted areas, except for health and safety reasons.

#### ***Level Four (4) Water Restrictions (below 40%)***

- Sprinklers are permitted between 6:00am to 7:00am and 8:00pm to 9:00pm on alternate days i.e. properties with even house/lot numbers are permitted use on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and properties with odd house/lot numbers are permitted use on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
- No sprinklers or unattended hoses are permitted on Mondays.
- Microspray and drip systems can be used between 6:00am to 7:00am and 8:00pm to 9:00pm on alternate days.
- Newly-constructed pools and spas cannot be filled for the first time without permission from Council.
- Fountains and water ornaments can only operate if they recycle the water.
- Washing privately owned cars, boats and other vehicles is permitted.
- Water must not be used to clean paved or concreted areas, except for health and safety reasons.

#### ***Level Five (5) Water Restrictions (below 30%)***

- Sprinklers and unattended hoses are not permitted at any time.
- Lawn, grassed areas and gardens can only be watered using a hand-held hose.
- Water must not be used to clean paved or concrete areas, except for health and safety reasons.
- Washing privately owned cars, boats and other vehicles is permitted. (only to wet and rinse the vehicle.)

#### ***Level six (6) Water Restrictions (below 20%)***

- Sprinklers and unattended hoses are not permitted at any time.
- Strictly no watering of lawn, grassed areas and gardens.
- Strictly no hosing of driveways or footpaths except for health and safety reasons.
- Washing cars, boats and other vehicles is not permitted.

Nothing in this policy prevents the use of:

- a) Water drawn from a source other than from the water supply system under the control of Cloncurry Shire Council; or
- b) Reclaimed or used water; or
- c) Private bores; or
- d) Rainwater collected in tanks or dams; or
- e) Water supplied from another service provider.

## **5. Publication of Water Restrictions**

- 5.1. Declaration and revocation of water restriction will be by public notice and other means Council considers appropriate to anyone affected. Generally, this will be by means of a public notice published in the regional newspaper. The notice will specify the level of restrictions, including an outline of permitted hours and use of water, penalties for contravention and contacts for further information. The information will be made available on the Cloncurry Shire Council website and facebook page.

## **6. Compliance**

- 6.1. During a period in which water restrictions are in effect, water from the water supply system shall not be used except in accordance with that set out in this policy for the declared level or as contained in any approved exemption.

## **7. Offences**

- 7.1. Refer to the Water Restriction Enforcement Policy WES 1001.

## **8. Exemptions**

- 8.1. Where an exemption or amendment to water restrictions is sought, applicants shall apply for each individual property or circumstance.
- 8.2. Applications shall be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer.
- a) Applications may be approved unconditionally; or
  - b) Approved subject to certain conditions; or
  - c) Not approved.
- 8.3. Applications will only be considered where reasonable grounds for such exemption have been presented.
- 8.4. Exemptions for watering new turf will only be issued for 10 days. Applications should be submitted at least one (1) week prior to laying of new turf.
- 8.5. Approval, if granted, will be in writing and takes effect as of the date of such approval.
- 8.6. Approvals may be modified or withdrawn at any time Cloncurry Shire Council sees fit. Extensions to exemptions may only be issued in special circumstances and upon review.
- 8.7. Approved applications will be issued with an Exemption Permit with the approval. The exemption permit is to be displayed in a prominent position on the approved property and is to be removed on the expiry of the permit and returned to Council.

**References and Related Documents:**

Cloncurry Shire Council Drought Management Plan  
WES 1001 Water Restrictions Enforcement Policy

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