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TasWater and irrigators working to secure summer water supplies

As summer approaches following what has been a below average period of winter rainfall across south-eastern Tasmania, both TasWater and Tasmanian Irrigation are preparing for what could be unprecedented pressure on our water systems.

To stabilise supply, Tasmanian Irrigation has requested farmers reduce demand from TasWater's Bryn Estyn Water Treatment Plant (WTP) which supplies water to the irrigation network.

TasWater CEO Michael Brewster says the Bryn Estyn's WTP is facing reduced capacity due to the need for enhanced water treatment to mitigate taste and odour issues and the removal of pathogens for drinking water customers.

"TasWater is supportive of Tasmanian Irrigation and our farmers and is working collaboratively with all parties to find alternative sources of water, including recycled water which is used to capacity throughout the Coal River Valley.

"TasWater will continue to work to meet our commitment to irrigators without compromising the supply of drinking water to our Hobart customers," Mr Brewster said.

Through our water conservation messages, TasWater in conjunction with the state government is promoting the efficient use of water and reminds all Tasmanian's, one of the best ways to increase the amount of water available is to be careful and not waste it.

TasWater is in the process of upgrading the Bryn Estyn WTP to increase capacity which should come on-line early in 2023.

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