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Media Release

Bridport placed on stage 1 water restrictions

Bridport will be placed on stage 1 water restrictions from, Friday 18 December 2020 until Tuesday 30 March 2021 to help maintain supply to the town over the peak summer holiday period.

“Stage 1 water restrictions require only small changes to how people use water, but even small changes can have a significant impact on the amount of water available in the system,” TasWater Manager, Asset Strategy, Duncan Sinclair said.

“Many factors were considered before implementing restrictions for the Bridport community, including the increased demand on the town’s water supply during the annual influx of summer holiday visitors and the longer-term weather patterns in the region.”

“Implementing these restrictions will help us ensure water is available when residents, visitors and businesses turn on their taps.”

Notices will be placed in the North Eastern Advertiser and on TasWater’s website to inform the public of the restrictions.

TasWater staff will also be engaging with the community and providing materials to spread the water conservation message.

Stage 1 restrictions aim to reduce non-essential water use by 20 per cent by encouraging more conscious use of water at home and at work.

“We thank the community for their cooperation to reduce water use and encourage all Tasmanians to consider their water use, as it is a finite resource,” Mr Sinclair said.

“TasWater is in the process of developing a long-term solution for Bridport water supply to increase the capacity of the system into the future.”

“We encourage Bridport locals to spread the word on water conservation and its importance to people visiting the town.”

What do stage 1 water restrictions mean?

Stage 1 restrictions are intended to enforce sensible water use and prevent inefficient water practices by reducing non-essential use of water by about 20 per cent.

Residential, public and commercial gardens and lawns

Garden and lawn watering is allowed on any day during the following times:

- Manual watering systems can only be used between the hours of 6am and 8am, and between the hours of 8pm and 10pm.
- Automatic watering systems can only be used between the hours of midnight and 4am.

- Handheld hoses with a trigger nozzle, buckets or watering cans may be used at any time.

Sporting grounds

Watering of sports grounds is allowed on any day during the following times:

- Manual watering systems can only be used between the hours of 6am and 8am and between the hours of 8pm and 10pm.
- Automatic watering systems can only be used between the hours of midnight and 4am.
- Handheld hoses with a trigger nozzle, buckets or watering cans may be used at any time.

Paving, concrete and other hard surfaces

- Spot cleaning for safety, health, animal welfare or emergency reasons with a hose fitted with a trigger nozzle or with high pressure cleaning equipment is permitted.
- For construction, using water for dust or pollutant suppression, or earth compaction by means of a hose fitted with a flow cut-off device or a vehicle fitted with sprinklers is permitted.
- Hosing for general cleaning of hard surfaces such as paths, driveways and paved areas is not permitted at any time.

Washing vehicles

- A bucket, high pressure cleaning device or commercial car wash can be used at any time for vehicle washing.
- A handheld hose fitted with a trigger nozzle can only be used for pre-rinsing and rinsing at home.

Residential or commercial pools and spas

- Topping up of pools and spas only using a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, a bucket, watering can or auto-device.
- Emptying and refilling existing pools and spas, and filling new pools and spas: -
 - Up to 2,000 litres: may only be refilled, or filled for the first time, using a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, a bucket or automatic water top-up device.
 - More than 2,000 litres: may only be refilled, or filled for the first time when the property owner has an approved *Exemption – swimming pool or spa filling* from TasWater.

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