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## Media Release

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### Stage 1 water restrictions for Scamander

Stage 1 water restrictions for Scamander will be implemented from Monday, 23 December 2019 and will remain in place until 10 February 2020.

TasWater is asking for support to reduce non-essential water use and has introduced the restrictions as the area is facing some very dry conditions.

“Scamander, much like other parts of the state’s East Coast, has been very dry with the area experiencing very low rainfall over winter,” TasWater’s Manager Asset Strategy Duncan Sinclair said.

“The drier than average conditions have contributed to lower flows in the Scamander River, over the last few weeks flows have dropped rapidly and it is important that we put in place mitigation to minimise the impact on the town.”

“Looking ahead, the Bureau of Meteorology is predicting increased likelihood of below average rainfall to continue at least until the middle of the summer season.”

Stage 1 water restrictions have been announced to stabilise river flows to ensure water continues to be available for essential use for everyone.

“By implementing Stage 1 restrictions, it is hoped to lead to a 20 per cent reduction in non-essential consumption,” Duncan said.’

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

Notices will be placed in The Examiner and on TasWater’s website to inform the public of the restrictions.

TasWater appreciates the support of the Scamander community during the restrictions and encourages residents to continue to be water wise.

The restrictions come after Coles Bay was placed on Stage 2 water restrictions last week, and Bridport along with the greater Hobart area placed on stage 1 restrictions from Friday 20 December.

More information about the Scamander Stage 1 water restrictions can be found on TasWater’s website, [www.taswater.com.au/waterrestrictions](http://www.taswater.com.au/waterrestrictions)

### What do stage 1 water restrictions mean?

The aim of Stage 1 restrictions is to reduce non-essential water usage by 20 per cent. This can be achieved through sensible water use and minimising outdoor water use.

### 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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