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### **Tankers supplementing Scamander's water supply**

TasWater is mobilising water tankers to ensure the ongoing supply of water for residents and visitors as the flow of water in the Scamander River continue to decline.

Scamander was placed on Stage 3 water restrictions last week following a dramatic drop in the daily flow of the river, the result of extremely dry conditions in the catchment area. The decision to escalate water restrictions only came after careful consideration by TasWater's engineers and scientists who continually monitor the drinking water network across the state.

With no rain and a further decline in river flow, TasWater is now transporting water from nearby TasWater treatment plants and alternative raw water sources into Scamander.

TasWater Department Manager Community, Stakeholder and Customer Relations Ruth Dowty said river flows in the Scamander River continue to be the lowest on our records.

"We have been monitoring the river flows, town consumption and weir levels daily, and the most practical solution is to supplement supply by trucking water into Scamander."

Residents are advised as a result of water being trucked into the area, there will be a number of tanker movements each day on roads into Scamander with trucks delivering water to the town's treatment plant on Upper Scamander Road.

"We are doing all we can to minimise the impact of truck movements through the area and appreciate the patience and support of the community as these vehicles travel through the area."

TasWater asks motorists to remain aware of extra tankers on the local roads. TasWater is working with the Break O Day Council to develop a traffic management plan for these operations and it is likely signage will be in place in areas impacted as soon as this plan is finalised.

"All water carted into Scamander, whether already treated or from a raw water source, will undergo full treatment at the Scamander WTP to ensure it meets Australian Drinking Water Guidelines and is safe to drink."

"We appreciate the cooperation of our customers in taking care with their water use and urge everyone to continue to be mindful of the amount of water they use," Ruth said.

TasWater will continue to monitor the water situation in Scamander and keep residents and visitors informed.

For details of the current Stage 3 restrictions, visit [www.taswater.com.au/waterrestrictions](http://www.taswater.com.au/waterrestrictions).

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