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Media Release

Stage 2 water restrictions for Currie

Stage 2 water restrictions for Currie have been implemented from Wednesday 23 January, and will remain in place until 31 March 2019.

TasWater asks residents to reduce all non-essential water use, and has introduced the restrictions as the aquifer water levels continue to drop, and the warm, dry weather conditions create increased demand on the water supply system. While winter rainfall was normal for King Island, spring only saw approximately 50 per cent of what is normally expected, resulting in the aquifers not fully recovering.

The rainfall outlook for the next three months for King Island indicates only a 40 per cent chance of exceeding median rainfall, meaning the likelihood of the aquifer seeing any recovery over this period is also very low.

Stage 2 water restrictions have been implemented to ensure that water continues to be available for essential use for everyone.

Stage 2 restrictions mean the watering of lawns and washing footpaths and other hard surfaces is banned, and gardens are only to be watered on alternate days during set hours.

Residents are encouraged to use handheld hoses with a trigger nozzle, buckets or watering cans to water their gardens.

Vehicles can be washed at home using a high pressure cleaning device or bucket, or at a water efficient commercial car wash. Regular hose fittings must not be used for washing cars.

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

More information about the Currie Stage 2 water restrictions can be found on TasWater's website, www.taswater.com.au/waterrestrictions

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