



Media Release

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REMOVAL OF WATER RESTRICTIONS FOR URBENVILLE

With water now overtopping the weir at Tooloom Falls and more rain forecast, water restrictions for Urbenville, Woodenbong and Mulli Mulli were lifted yesterday afternoon, Monday, 24 February 2020.

In line with Council's current Drought Management Plan, Mayor Peter Petty, Deputy Mayor Greg Sauer and several members of the Executive Team took the decision to remove water restrictions for the Urbenville area from 4.30 pm.

Council will consider the Drought Management Plan in the months to come and may consider reintroduction of low level water restrictions to keep the value of water front and centre with our community.

"We have all learnt a lot during this severe drought and Council and the community need to ensure that supply of potable water is not taken for granted", said Mayor Peter Petty.

"Our communities can be assured that Council are taking these lessons learnt and continuing works to make sure we are water fit into the future", the Mayor added.

Recently, Council applied for emergency relief funding of \$1.9 million to secure additional raw water for Urbenville with the following scope of works:

- Identification of an appropriate ground water source;
- Installation of appropriate water extraction and delivery infrastructure; and
- Provision of a 50 ML off-stream storage (Tooloom Creek).

Ground water sourcing would include water search, drilling and water quality testing and installation of infrastructure being pipework, electrical and bore head components.

"Unfortunately we have been unsuccessful in this application, however that will not deter our staff from examining every opportunity for funding to ensure that Urbenville, Woodenbong and Muli Muli communities are guaranteed an adequate, potable, water supply into the future as we face unknown climatic change", Mayor Petty concluded.

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