



# Media Release

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## STOCK WATER UPDATE

At the 30 October 2019 Ordinary Meeting, it is anticipated that Council will consider amendments to the current Drought Management Policy and Level 4.5 Water Restrictions.

These amendments may mean that residents in Tenterfield town or who are accessing water from the Tenterfield dam reticulated supply will be required to turn off all stock water troughs (automatic and reticulated potable water supply) and utilise the free stock water supplies from the Apex Park Bore only (unless they have alternative supplies such as a private bore).

Water is currently available from the Apex Park bore, free of charge, and can be accessed by vehicles 4.5 tonne GVM and under (no trucks) for 1,000 litre water pods only. Note that Council holds no liability for collection and transport of water.

Due to the high levels of iron and other minerals in the Apex Park bore water, it is suggested that this water be shandied with the town water at ever decreasing amounts so that stock get used to the taste prior to the changes in restrictions.

The following extract from *Livestock drinking water Guidelines* gives an approximate guide to water requirements for various livestock:

Type of Livestock	Average Daily Consumption	Peak Daily Consumption
Sheep & Goats	7 to 9 litres/head	8.5 to 11.5 litres/head
Cattle	45 to 70 litres/head	60 to 85 litres/head
Horses	35 to 55 litres/head	45 to 70 litres/head
Pigs	11 to 22 litres/head	15 to 30 litres/head
Poultry	18 to 32 litres/100 birds	23 to 40 litres/100 birds
Turkeys	55 litres/100 birds	70 litres/100 birds

Council's Rangers will be visiting all residents with livestock in the town area and will be available to provide advice and assistance as required.

"As our dam levels will continue to decrease with the warmer weather, Council will be forced to consider all possibly alternatives to ensure a potable water supply for Tenterfield town", said Mayor Peter Petty.

"In addition to the proposed requirement to turn off stock troughs, it is anticipated that the updated water restrictions will ban the use of hand held hoses for watering gardens and plants. Residents choosing to continue to water will only be able to use buckets and watering cans.

As our community is embracing the current 4.5 Water Restrictions, it is not intended at this stage to introduce the more severe Level 5 Water Restrictions and create additional hardship for some of our business operators", the Mayor added.

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