



## **WATER RESTRICTIONS - COONAMBLE**

The restrictions imposed on the use of fixed hoses and sprinklers to be used between the hours of 7.00 p.m. and 7.00 a.m. are proving to be ineffective, as some residents are not adhering to Council's request.

Council again respectfully reminds residents that if the trend of water use continues at its current level, Council will have no option but to introduce more stringent restrictions to control output.

The bores feeding the water treatment plant are currently over-extended and the plant is running at maximum capacity, which is not a sustainable situation.

As the extremely hot weather is expected to continue, it is reasonable to expect that if demand on the system continues at the current rate there could be a major failure of the bores, pumps or treatment plant, resulting in catastrophic consequences.

Council's records reveal there have been instances of peaks in water use outside restricted times and Council officers will continue to monitor the situation and also investigate instances of excessive use in an endeavour to reduce excessive consumption.

Under the Local Government Act 1993 the maximum penalty that may be applied for a breach of imposed water restrictions is \$2,200 for corporations and \$220 for individuals.

All residents' collaboration is urgently sought in adhering to the current restrictions which will be closely monitored.

Council thanks you for your understanding and co-operation.

**Hein Basson**  
General Manager  
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