

CUNNAMULLA WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

Water Supply Arrangements

This is referred to as SunWater Rules in the River/Groundwater contract

To manage the water delivery to our customers, arrangements for the taking of water in the Scheme have been discussed with customers and are outlined below. These arrangements are aimed at achieving the efficient delivery of water to customers in the Scheme that best meets their needs.

River Supplies

Taking Water from the Scheme

The Cunnamulla Weir Water Supply Scheme operates as an on-demand water supply with customers pumping directly from the Alan Tannock Weir storage. In the event the weir storage becomes close to reaching a critical level (dead storage), SunWater may introduce an ordering system to ensure equitable distribution of water.

Customers requiring water during times of critical water levels should contact the duty Water Officer on 13 15 89 or mobile 0429 612 879 to obtain information regarding water delivery.

Access to Storage

Storages are currently operated in the following nominal operating range:

Alan Tannock Weir – 3 metres below Full Supply Level (dead storage)

This range may change in the future if required; for example, under SunWater's Resource Operations Licence (ROL) and for other licence changes. Customers will be informed if such a change occurs. Customers should note that they are responsible for locating and maintaining pumps to take water.

Waterharvesting

Waterharvesting is announced and charged for by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines. Some customer's waterharvest through a pump metered by SunWater. To account for the water taken as waterharvesting, customers must advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines of their start and stop meter readings. The Department of Natural Resources and Mines then informs SunWater of these readings so that SunWater can record this use as waterharvesting. The phone numbers for the Department of Natural Resources and Mines are Charleville 4654 4276 and Cunnamulla 4655 1131.

If no meter reads are received from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines then all water taken will be treated as Announced Allocation.

Changes to the volume or location for taking water

Customers wishing to:

- have multiple delivery points; or
- transfer water to another customer

must first obtain SunWater's approval. For their own benefit, customers should obtain SunWater's approval before finalising any dealings with another party (eg. a temporary transfer).

SunWater may require operational and other issues to be resolved before granting its approval. These will be discussed with customers during the application and approval process.

Applications forms are available from SunWater Customer Support on 13 15 89.

Changes to Customers' Pumping Arrangements

Customers must obtain approval from SunWater before proceeding with any changes to their pumps, including changing size/capacity of the pump.

Stopping or restricting supply

SunWater may suspend or restrict supply in a number of circumstances, including:

- during maintenance of SunWater's assets;
- if supply could cause SunWater to break the law;
- during a peak demand period, when rosters or rations may apply;
- when the demand for water is so small it is impractical to supply it;
- infrastructure limitations which make delivery impractical;
- when there is a need to make special releases to maximise efficiency at times of limited supply; or
- during rain shutdown.

Customers who require water all year round should make arrangements for on-farm water storage to provide their on going water requirements during interruptions.

General

Complaints and Dispute Resolution

SunWater's aim is to resolve problems and complaints quickly and effectively. Where a customer has a concern that is not able to be resolved, customers can choose to initiate a formal dispute resolution process by writing to the Customer Accounts Manager.

If through discussions, resolution cannot be reached either party may request the commencement of negotiations in good faith on a dispute resolution procedure, other than litigation or arbitration. If agreement is reached to proceed to the next phase, independent mediation services of the Disputes Resolution Centres of Queensland can be used.

Billing Arrangements

Invoices are sent quarterly and all invoices must be paid within 30 days. Payments are allocated to the customer's oldest debt first, unless an invoice is in dispute. SunWater only posts Summary Invoices to customers, however, you can receive a Detailed Invoice via email. Contact 13 15 89 to arrange to take advantage of this option.

Notices

Correspondence should be sent to SunWater Customer Support as detailed below.

SunWater Limited
PO Box 15536
City East QLD 4002
Facsimile: 3120 0249
Email: customersupport@sunwater.com.au

Communication – Contact Arrangements

SunWater Customer Support has staff available for enquiries and business transactions (billing, temporary transfers, etc.) between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm. Monday to Friday – Phone: 131589.

SunWaterOnline is available to all Account Holders and gives customers the access to enter meter reads, view and print Invoices, update account details and submit temporary transfer applications. Call 13 15 89 to set up access or for help in using our online portal.

It is of great assistance if customers can provide an offtake number when reporting supply problems. Offtake numbers are recorded on quarterly water statements and on metal tags physically attached to meter installations.

In the event of an emergency, please call 13 15 89 and press 1 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

Further information about SunWater can be obtained from our website: www.sunwater.com.au

SERVICE TARGETS

As described under clause 3 of the standard contract:

3(d) SunWater shall, at approximately annual intervals, during this Agreement publish a report comparing the performance of SunWater with the Service Targets;

3(e) SunWater shall publish Service Targets for the Regulated Area and revise these from time to time after considering changes in customer needs determined through customer consultation, and changes in industry practice and procedures.

We are committed to publishing service targets and to reporting to customers on our performance against the targets. Following discussion and consultation with customers, this document contains service targets that have been set for the Cunnamulla Weir Water Supply Scheme.

Planned Shutdowns

Planned shutdowns have been included as a target and SunWater recognises that the following are important service issues for you:

That you will be notified about a shutdown so that you can plan ahead;

The timing of the shutdown should suit most customers;

The duration of the shutdown should minimise the impact on customers, while enabling SunWater to perform maintenance on the scheme.

Definition: A Planned Shutdown occurs when a customer's supply is interrupted or restricted due to the performance of work that is planned in advance.

Planned Shutdowns – Timing

Service Delivery Type	Scheme Target
River	The timing of all planned shutdowns will be set following consultation with customer groups or individuals.

Planned Shutdowns – Duration

Service Delivery Type	Scheme Target
River	SunWater will complete all planned shutdowns within the period notified to customers (unless later varied by agreement with the groups originally consulted with), unless something occurs that is beyond SunWater's control, such as adverse weather conditions.

Planned Shutdowns - Notice

Service Delivery Type	Scheme Target
River	<p>For shutdowns planned to exceed 2 weeks, at least 8 weeks written notice by letter will be provided to each customer affected by the annual shutdown.</p> <p>For shutdowns planned to exceed 3 days, at least 2 weeks written notice by letter, fax, telephone, or verbal advice will be provided to each customer affected by the shutdown</p> <p>For shutdowns planned to be less than 3 days, at least 5 days notice will be provided at least verbally to each customer affected.</p> <p>Each notice will state the start date, and anticipated shutdown duration.</p> <p>A reminder will be placed in the local newspaper one week before the planned shutdown commence.</p>

Water Supply Arrangements and Service Targets

Unplanned Shutdown

Unplanned shutdowns have been included as a target and SunWater recognises that the information provided to you about an interruption and the period of time taken to resume supply are important to you. Definition: An Unplanned Shutdown is an unforeseen or not planned mechanical or operational failure of SunWater's water delivery infrastructure that stops or restricts the supply of water to a customer for more than 2 hours (including emergency repairs). It does not include events that are beyond SunWater's control (eg. power failure or storm)¹ and does not include interruptions to supply caused by errors in estimating water demand and releases, or people taking water without authorisation.

Unplanned Shutdown – Duration

Service Delivery Type	Scheme Target
River	<p>Unplanned Shutdowns will be fixed so that at least partial supply can be resumed to those customers requiring water within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48 hours of SunWater being notified of the event, during a peak demand period; or • 5 working days of SunWater being notified of the event, outside peak demand period. • Peak demand periods are to be set in consultation with customers. <p>Some events may interrupt supply greater than the above standard and are excluded from these targets. SunWater will publish these events and SMS messaging from time to time</p>

Unplanned Shutdown - Notice

Service Delivery Type	Scheme Target
River	SunWater will notify all affected customers requiring water SMS Messaging, verbally or by telephone, radio announcement or fax of the likely duration of the interruption to supply within 24 hours of learning of the event, or by the end of the first business day following the event, whichever is the earlier.

Unplanned Shutdown – Meter Repairs

Service Delivery Type	Scheme Target
River	Faults causing restrictions to supply will be repaired within one working day of SunWater being notified

Frequency of interruptions to supply

Delivery Service Type	Scheme Target
River	No customer will experience more than six planned or unplanned interruptions per water year (as defined above).

¹ This includes other events described as Events of Force Majeure in your contract

Complaints & Enquiries

SunWater will provide an initial response to all complaints within five working days of receiving a complaint by the customer:

in writing; or
by telephone Customer Support on 13 15 89

SunWater will either resolve a customer's complaint, or provide a written response providing reasons why the complaint has not or cannot be resolved within 21 days of receiving the complaint.

Customer Obligations

The Customer principal obligations are set out in clause 4 of the Standard Contract.

Warning to Customers

In particular Customers should note that a customer must not take more than the Customer's Maximum Delivery Volume as allowed by the Customer's Standard Contract without first obtaining SunWater's approval. If a Customer exceeds the Customer's Maximum Delivery Volume, the Customer may also be in contravention of the *Water Act 2000*. SunWater may direct the Customer not to take any water. Depending on the circumstances of the breach, the Customer is not automatically entitled to forward draw on the following year's water entitlements, if any, and is therefore not entitled to take water until SunWater is satisfied that the breach has been remedied.