

Request from SunWater for approval of interim program under a resource operations licence:

Resource Operations Licence	Nogoa Mackenzie Water Supply Scheme
Version	1
Reference	ss 1259(2)(a) and 1260(e) of the <i>Water Act 2000</i> (Qld) and s 13 of the Fitzroy Basin Resource Operations Plan
ROL Requirements:	The resource operations licence holder may at any time submit an interim program or an amendment to an existing program to the chief executive for approval if the holder proposes to operate in a way that is different to the requirements of this plan.
Interim Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The first stage of the Fairbairn Dam Spillway Improvement Project (the Project) is now complete and the second stage is expected to commence in March 2017. 2. As part of the stage one works, SunWater constructed a coffer dam to provide access to the spillway and to prevent flows from the Nogoa River entering the spillway area. The coffer dam prevents SunWater from making releases from the siphon outlet, however normal river releases can still be made through the right bank outlet of Fairbairn Dam. 3. The coffer dam will remain in place and is required for the second stage of the Project so that accessed is maintained for defect rectification and to maintain the de-watering of the spillway. This will prevent the need for any wildlife relocation during the second stage.
Period of effect	SunWater will be unable to make releases from the siphon outlet for potential Upper Mackenzie first post-winter flow management strategy activation(s) in the period to December 2018.
Submission	In accordance ss 1259(2)(a) and 1260(e) of the <i>Water Act 2000</i> (Qld) and the Fitzroy Basin Resource Operations Licence, SunWater Submits the above interim program for the chief executive's approval.

Approval:		
As a delegated officer of the chief executive of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, approval is given to the above interim program.		
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