

## Interim program for the Upper Condamine Water Supply Scheme

Date: 21 June 2017

### Introduction

The medium priority announced allocation for Upper Condamine WSS is forecast to be 0% on 1 July 2017. However, there is likely to be approximately 2,000-3,000 ML above the medium priority cutoff level of 460.35 m AHD on this date. The scheme Irrigator Advisory Committee have requested SunWater to make this volume available to medium priority allocation holders while remaining compliant with the medium priority cutoff rule described in s 165 of the scheme Operations Manual (formerly the Condamine & Balonne Resource Operations Plan)

### Period of effect

The interim program is effective on the day it is approved by the chief executive of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines. It ceases to have effect at midnight on 31 July 2017.

### Provisions of the Interim Program

The Resource Operations Licence (ROL) holder is authorised to operate the Upper Condamine WSS in accordance with the following section being added to the Operations Manual for the duration of the interim program.

#### Section 175A

1. The provisions of this section apply if the medium priority announced allocation, calculated under section 175, is 0% and the water level in Leslie Dam remains above the medium priority cutoff level of 460.35 m AHD.
2. The ROL holder may make available water supplies to medium priority allocation holders provided that the level of Leslie Dam remains above 460.35 m AHD. The ROL holder must use the method outlined below to calculate the **Announced Allocation (Interim Program)**.

$$\text{AA (Interim program) \%} = 100 \times (\text{UV} - \text{RLP}) / \text{MPA}$$

Where the terms are defined below

Parameter	Name	Details
UV	Useable Volume	UV= Leslie Dam Vol (1 July) – MP Cutoff Volume – Evaporation Loss factor
	MP Cutoff Volume	15, 005 ML (at 460.35 mAHD)
RLP	River Loss Provision	Provision for river transmission losses including Sandy Creek (estimated by SunWater, as ROL holder)
MPA	Medium priority allocations	MP allocations in UCWSS (22,165 ML)

3. The ROL holder may limit the duration of access afforded under sub-section (2) in order to minimise river transmission losses.
4. If an announced allocation is determined under s175A, sections 171(2)(c)(ii) & 171(2)(e) do not apply to the next announced allocation.

**END.**

## **DNRM Approval**

Mr Colin Bendall  
Executive General Manager Operations & Services  
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Dear Colin

I refer to the proposed Interim Program submitted by SunWater for a revised medium priority announcement calculation for the Upper Condamine Water Supply Scheme for the month of July 2017.

The revised program dated 21 June as attached is approved under s 15 of the Condamine and Balonne Resource Operations Plan for announcements effective 1 July 2017 through to 31 July 2017.

This approval is provided noting the announcement calculation in the current Condamine and Balonne Resource Operations Plan is under review.

Regards  
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