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Dear customer,

Intention to change to new storage curve and amend trigger levels at Coolmunda Dam: Macintyre Brook Water Supply Scheme

Sunwater previously contacted you on 8 June 2020 to advise of our intent to apply to the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water (previously DNRME) to implement the following amendments to the Resource Operations Licence (ROL) and scheme Operations Manual, as a result of the storage area survey undertaken at the dam in early 2020:

1. **Adopt the new storage curve** to better manage the available water in storage, particularly during the dry season.
2. **Amend the various trigger levels** in the operating rules such that they equate to the same storage volumes as the current rules.

Sunwater have applied to implement these changes to commence at the earlier of:

- a) Coolmunda Dam level is greater than EL 313.0 m AHD (approximately 77% capacity); or,
- b) Coolmunda Dam level is less than EL 306.2 m AHD (approximately 5% capacity); or,
- c) At midnight on 31 March 2021

Given the current level at Coolmunda Dam is at 12.5% or 8,500ML (actual volume from the new storage curve), Sunwater plans to initiate the change to the new storage curve at the commencement of any of the trigger points listed above. Should no inflows occur, the transition to the new storage curve will occur at midnight on 31 March 2021 (pending approval from DRDMW).

Transition to the new storage curve will involve a reconciliation process on customers' accounts. This will likely reduce customer account water balances, the quantum of which is dependent on the storage volume on 31 March but could be in the vicinity of 10-20%.

The decision to implement the new storage curve at the earlier of the trigger levels noted above involved consultation with Sunwater customers and the Macintyre Brook Irrigation Advisory Committee (IAC), who supported this approach.

Should you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact me directly on 0428 114 292.

Kind regards,

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