

Lower Mary River Water Supply Scheme

Fact Sheet – Medium Priority cut off for Irrigation

Taking water for irrigation use under medium priority water allocations

The Mary Basin Resource Operations Plan (ROP) defines the water sharing rules by which SunWater is obligated to operate the Lower Mary River Water Supply Scheme. The ROP states that water supplied from the Mary Barrage to medium priority water allocations for irrigation use must cease when the water level in Mary Barrage on the Mary River is equal to or less than EL 1.0 metre AHD.

The cessation to taking water for irrigation use under medium priority water allocations continues until the water level in the impoundment of the Mary Barrage on the Mary River is equal to or greater than EL 1.2 metres AHD.

Medium priority water allocation holders

Once the trigger to cease taking irrigation water under medium priority water allocation occurs, SunWater will send a notification directing customers not to take water under your medium priority water allocation for irrigation purposes. This will remain in effect until the level of Mary Barrage rises above 1.2 metres AHD.

Stock & Domestic use during the Medium Priority cut off

Water impounded by the Mary Barrage can still be used to supply water for stock and domestic purposes. However, SunWater's ability to supply water from the channel scheme for stock and domestic purposes will be limited. Customers seeking water for stock should make arrangements for alternate supplies where possible as residual supply in the channel scheme cannot be guaranteed. Please call SunWater as soon as possible to discuss your individual circumstances.

High Priority Water availability during the Medium Priority cut off

High priority water supply will remain available. Where water is supplied from the channel scheme it is essential that customers with high priority allocations call SunWater and order water in advance.

High priority water may be available for purchase during this time, for more information call Ruralco Water on 1300 007 939 or their website: <https://www.ruralcowater.com.au/>. If you have sourced a temporary transfer of high priority water or intend to please call SunWater as soon as possible to discuss.

SunWater will continue to advise customers of any changes in the above scenario. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call Customer Support on 13 15 89 at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

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