

ADDITIONAL ITEM



Item No: 1.5
Title: Mayoral Minute - Trigger Points for the Introduction and Removal of Water Restrictions
Department: Councillor

10 February 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting

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Background

Level 1 water restrictions came into effect on the Central Coast on Monday 10 February 2020. This followed the anticipated drop in overall dam levels on the Central Coast to 50%. This trigger for the introduction of Level 1 water restrictions was unanimously endorsed by Council at the Ordinary Meeting on 11 February 2019. The resolution of Council also endorsed triggers for the introduction of further water restrictions and when restrictions would be removed as follows:

Restriction Level	Proposed New Restriction Level when Mangrove Creek Dam reduces to:	Remove Restriction Level when Mangrove Creek Dam rises to
Level 1	50%	52%
Level 2	40%	42%
Level 3	35%	37%
Level 4	30%	32%
Level 5	25%	27%

This table confirms that current Level 1 water restrictions should be removed when Mangrove Creek Dam reaches 52%. Staff modelling confirm that 2% of our dam capacity can provide treated water to the Central Coast community for 7 weeks. 5% lasts for around 18 weeks. Given the recent weather event which has seen dam levels increase, it makes sense to increase the trigger to remove trigger levels to 55%. This will ensure Council can continue to educate the community about the importance of following water restrictions as it is expected, that despite the recent rain event, dam levels are likely to continue to fall.

It is recommended that all other trigger points, excluding Level 1, for the introduction and removal of water restrictions remain in place as resolved on 10 February 2020.

I formally move:

- 1 That Council note the recent significant weather event has increased dam levels on the Central Coast.***

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- 2 That Council request the Chief Executive Officer amend the trigger points for the introduction and removal of the existing stages of Central Coast Council water restrictions to those outlined in Table X**

Table X: Proposed New Trigger Points for Levels of Water Restrictions

Restriction Level	Introduction of New Restriction Level when the Mangrove Creek Dam reduces to	Removal of Existing Restriction Level when the Mangrove Creek Dam rises to
Level 1	50%	55%
Level 2	40%	42%
Level 3	35%	37%
Level 4	30%	32%
Level 5	25%	27%

- 3 That Council request the Chief Executive Officer to keep in place current Level 1 water restrictions and continue to educate the community to be water wise until dam levels either reach 55% (and Level 1 restrictions are removed) or 40% (when Level 2 restrictions would be introduced).**

Attachments

Nil.