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WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

Temporary Water Restrictions (Lower Darling Regulated River Water Source) Order 2018 under the

Water Management Act 2000

I, Rachel Connell, having delegated authority, in pursuance of section 324(1) of the *Water Management Act 2000* and on being satisfied that it is necessary to do so in the public interest because of a water shortage, make the following Order.

Dated 4 December 2018

RACHEL CONNELL Executive Director, Water Department of Industry (by delegation)

Explanatory note

This Order imposes temporary water restrictions on the Lower Darling Regulated River Water Source in pursuance of section 324(1) of the *Water Management Act 2000* in order to cope with a water shortage.

Temporary Water Restrictions (Lower Darling Regulated River Water Source) Order 2018 under the

Water Management Act 2000

1 Name of Order

This Order is the Temporary Water Restrictions (Lower Darling Regulated River Water Source) Order 2018.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on the day on which it is published in the NSW Government Gazette.

3 Duration

This Order remains in force until 30 June 2019, unless it is repealed or modified by further order before that date.

4 Temporary water restrictions

The taking of water from the water source specified in Schedule 1 is restricted as specified in Schedule 2.

5 Interpretation

Unless otherwise defined, words and expressions that are defined in the *Water Management Act 2000* or in regulations to that Act have the same meaning in this Order.

Schedule 1 Water Source

This Order applies to the Lower Darling Regulated River Water Source as described in the *Water Sharing Plan for the New South Wales Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Water Sources 2016* (the **Water Source**).

Schedule 2 Restrictions

The taking of water from any part of the Water Source is restricted to the taking of water for the following purposes only:

- (a) town water supply,
- (b) domestic use,
- (c) stock watering,
- (d) irrigation of existing permanent plantings such as vineyards and orchards, and
- (e) any other irrigation, but only using water taken from Copi Hollow, up to a maximum limit of 500 megalitres total starting at the commencement date of this order, and only where such water is taken

under the authority of a regulated river (high security) access licence which authorises the holder to take water from the Water Source.

Note: It is an offence, under section 336C of the *Water Management Act 2000*, to fail to comply with this direction. An individual found guilty of an offence under section 336C is liable to a penalty not exceeding 4,550 penalty units and, in the case of a continuing offence, a further penalty not exceeding 600 penalty units for each day the offence continues. A corporation found guilty of an offence under section 336C is liable to a penalty not exceeding 18,200 penalty units and, in the case of a continuing offence, a further penalty not exceeding 1,200 penalty units for each day the offence continues.

Note: As at the commencement of this Order, a penalty unit is \$110.

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