

## TEMPORARY WATER RESTRICTIONS—DUBBO

Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) advises TEMPORARY WATER RESTRICTIONS, effective immediately, have been applied to properties connected to town water in Dubbo until 9am on Sunday.

This covers all areas of Dubbo, Firgrove, Wongarbon, Eumungerie, Ballimore, Mogriguy and Brocklehurst.

DRC requests all properties to conserve water and minimise non-essential water consumption including the conduct of irrigation, pool maintenance, watering gardens and lawns.

DRC advises that the greater the minimisation of non-essential water consumption, the quicker all reservoirs can be relled.

From 3:30pm yesterday, the John Gilbert Water Treatment Plant on Macquarie Street began drawing in water from the Macquarie River containing higher than average amounts of organic material.

Council staff shut down the Treatment Plant shortly after and have

spent the night performing backwashing of all liters. Whilst the backwashing procedure has been effective in reducing turbidity levels and the Treatment Plant has been restarted, the process has temporarily reduced the amount of clean water produced for transfer to reservoirs about the town.

As of 9am Saturday, the towns reservoirs sit at 71% full which may result in poor water pressures at some properties.

The application of the TEMPORARY WATER RESTRICTIONS will allow DRC to fully rell reservoirs in a timely manner and gradually bring the John Gilbert Water Treatment Plant back up to full capacity production.

Dubbo's water supply remains safe to drink and meets all regulatory and health requirements.

DRC would like to thank the community for their cooperation and understanding during this time.

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