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Subject: Extension of non-urban water metering compliance date to 1 June 2023 for Southern Inland NSW including the NSW Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Water Sources

Dear Approval Holder

Why am I getting another letter?

We recently wrote to you about the following water supply work approvals to notify you about new metering conditions which would apply from 1 December 2022, unless a metering exemption applies. There have been changes made to your conditions since that letter was sent.

Approval(s): 50CA501143, 50WA505841

What has changed?

Water users in the NSW Southern Inland region have been given extra time to install non-urban metering equipment in the wake of significant rainfall and widespread flooding. The deadline has been extended by 6 months and the new compliance date is 1 June 2023.

We have updated your approval conditions which specified the previous date to reflect this new date. A list of the updated conditions is at the end of this letter. These updated conditions replace the conditions we previously added to your approval. You can check a complete list of your conditions on the NSW Water Register at waterregister.watarnsw.com.au.

Do I need to do anything?

You must comply with your existing conditions until 1 June 2023

You must comply with your existing conditions from the water sharing plan about metering and logbooks until 1 June 2023.

If your meter has been moved or damaged due to flooding, additional requirements apply

If a meter has been moved due to flooding—and is still operating properly—it must be reinstalled and revalidated by a duly qualified person.

If a meter has been moved or damaged due to flooding—and is no longer operating properly—a s91i self-reporting form must be submitted to WaterNSW. This form must be submitted within 24 hours of becoming aware that the meter is no longer operating properly.

Any new metering equipment must comply with the new standards

If you are replacing old or damaged metering equipment, or installing new metering equipment, you must ensure your new meter complies with the new metering equipment standards. This requirement applies even if you install your new metering equipment before 1 June 2023.

If you need to install new metering equipment, act now if you can

While the timelines are being extended, water users who are able to install compliant metering equipment are encouraged to contact a DQP and put the technology in place well ahead of the new deadlines.

Need help?

For questions about the non-urban metering rules, contact the department on 1300 081 047.

For questions about your conditions, or to request a new copy of your conditions, contact WaterNSW on 1300 662 077. Please ensure you have your work approval number ready when you call. This can be found on the first page of this letter.

If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 between 9am and 4:30pm and ask them to telephone WaterNSW on 1300 662 077.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Raine

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Updated reporting and recording conditions which now apply from 1 June 2023

- Condition MR7737-00002 replaced with Condition MR7737-00007- recording and reporting water take information for works which have compliant metering equipment
- Condition MR6933-00002 replaced with condition MR6933-00007 - recording and reporting water take information for works which have compliant metering equipment, and when some of the authorised works are surface pumps 500 mm or greater
- Condition MR7738-00002 replaced with Condition MR7738-00007- reporting water take information for works which have compliant metering equipment, and are not connected to a local intelligence device via telemetry
- Condition MR7739-00002 replaced with Condition MR7739-00007- recording and reporting water take information for works which are not required to meter, and do not have compliant metering equipment