



OBERON COUNCIL

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

LEVEL 5 WATER RESTRICTIONS NOW APPLY IN OBERON

As the level of the Oberon Dam has fallen below 15% capacity, Level 5 Water Restrictions have now been introduced. Level 5 restrictions are designed to reduce consumption and the impacts on the Oberon Dam during drought periods.

Details of Level 5 Water Restrictions are as follows:

- **Residential Gardens – Use of sprinklers, micro-sprays, fixed and hand held hoses are BANNED. Gardens can be watered by buckets only.**
- **Car Washing** – Only permitted on grass areas with a bucket.
- **Washing of Driveways & Paved Areas – BANNED.** Sweeping and other dry methods are encouraged.
- **All Sports Grounds (including public parks & gardens, school grounds) – Sprinklers are BANNED.**
- **All other essential water use associated with commercial and industry operations** of business is permissible. Businesses should follow water-efficient practices and minimise water use, respecting the restrictions that apply to the general community, as outlined above.

Recycled water, bore water and water used for testing fire systems, fire fighting and related activities are excluded from restrictions.

More stringent restrictions will be introduced if the Oberon Dam continues to fall to a level below 10% capacity – Level 6 Water Restrictions will be applied and details will be widely advertised. Community members are encouraged to keep a watch on details of the Oberon Dam level under *Weather Watch* each week in the “Oberon Review”.

Under the Local Government Act an on-the-spot fine of \$220.00 may be imposed for breach of the water restriction regulations.

The community’s awareness and contribution to water efficiency is acknowledged and consumers are reminded that during drought periods additional reduction in consumption is required to sustain our water supply.

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