


This policy will be removed following 1 July 2009.

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|  | <b>POLICY - INTRODUCTION<br/>OF WATER RESTRICTIONS</b> | <b>4.4</b>                           |             |
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## **1. OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this policy is to set in place procedures for the introduction of water restrictions for the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council area.

## **2. SCOPE**

Water restrictions are sometimes needed to reduce water consumption from Council's reticulated water supply systems due to :

- drought and/or water quality problems limiting available water resources;
- the available stored water, or the available capacity of supply is so limited as to make extraordinary measures necessary in the general interests of water consumers.

Water restrictions are mandatory and enforceable, with penalties applying for breaches.

## **3. DEFINITIONS**

This policy is defined from Sections 30 and 31 of the *Waterworks Clauses Act 1952*.

## **4. PROCEDURE**

If at any time the supply of water at the disposal of the Council becomes insufficient for all the demands upon it, the General Manager may, by advertisement in newspapers circulating within the municipality and by the posting of notices in each or any townships affected, restrict the use of water by residents for domestic use. There are three levels of restrictions for the different stages as follows : -

## GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY COUNCIL

### STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS – (insert Township Name)

Notice is hereby given that, due to recent reductions in town water storage volumes, Stage 1 water use restrictions will apply for the town of (insert name) commencing at midnight on (insert date) until further notice.

#### **STAGE 1 RESTRICTIONS COMPRISE THE FOLLOWING: FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL USERS, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS, SCHOOLS COMMERCIAL USERS AND OTHERS:**

##### **Gardens, sports grounds and recreation areas:**

- Hand held hoses any time.
- Water systems, including sprinklers that need to be turned on and off by hand:  
**September to March incl.** - Between 7.00 pm and 10.00 pm.  
**April to August incl.** - Between 4.00 pm and 7.00 pm.
- Automatic watering systems: **September to March incl.** – Maximum of 4 hours between 10.00 pm and 6.00 am. **April to August incl.** - Maximum of 2 hours between 10.00 pm and 6.00 am.
- Sports and recreation area grounds are not restricted in this stage however wherever possible watering should occur at night to maximize efficiency.

##### **Vehicles:**

- Buckets and watering cans only. A hand held hose with a trigger nozzle may be used for rinsing the vehicle.

##### **Paved areas, driveways, walls and windows:**

- Hosing strictly prohibited.

##### **Outdoor Pools and Spas:**

- Written approval required from Council for the filling of new pools and spas and the emptying and refilling of existing pools or spas.
- Topping up of pools and spas permitted.

##### **Private Water Storage:**

- Private storages must not be topped up, maintained or filled with water from the town water supply without Council's prior written authority, except for a dam or tank which provides water for: domestic and fire fighting purposes.

##### **Stock watering:**

- Stock will only be watered from a trough on a reticulated supply or hand held hose.

##### **Commercial Users/Nurseries:**

- No restrictions where water is part of the income earning process of the business.
- Where water is not part of the income earning process, the same restrictions apply as for residential users unless special exemption is applied for from the General Manager.

***Further restrictions may be necessary in the future, depending on weather conditions and town water storage levels.***

#### **Periods of Total Fire Ban**

When a total fire ban is declared by the Tasmanian Fire Service, all outdoor water use is banned (apart from use for emergency house protection).

David Metcalf.  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

## GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY COUNCIL

### STAGE 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS – (Insert Township Name)

Notice is hereby given that, due to recent reductions in town water storage volumes, Stage 2 water use restrictions will apply for the township of (insert name) commencing at midnight on (insert date), until further notice.

#### **STAGE 2 RESTRICTIONS COMPRISE THE FOLLOWING: FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL USERS, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS, SCHOOLS COMMERCIAL USERS AND OTHERS:**

##### **Gardens, sports grounds and recreation areas:**

- Private lawns: cannot be watered.
- Gardens : hand held trigger hose **ONLY** -  
**September to March incl.** - Between 7.00 pm and

10.00 pm.

**April to August incl.** - Between 7.00 am and 10.00

am.

- Sports Grounds : As for Stage 1, except for automatic watering systems, which can be used for a maximum of 2 hours between the hours of 10pm and 6am.

##### **Vehicles:**

- Buckets and watering cans only. No hoses to be used for private vehicles.

##### **Boats :**

- Buckets and watering cans only.
- Motors may be flushed for a maximum of 3 minutes only.

##### **Paved areas, driveways, walls and windows:**

- Hosing strictly prohibited.

##### **Outdoor Pools and Spas:**

- No filling, refilling, topping up of pools and spas without prior written permission from Council.

##### **Private Water Storage:**

- Private storages must not be topped up, maintained or filled with water from the town water supply without Council's prior written authority, except for a dam or tank which provides water for domestic and fire fighting purposes.

##### **Stock watering:**

- Stock will only be watered from a trough on a reticulated supply or hand held hose.

##### **Commercial Users/Nurseries:**

- Hand held hose with trigger nozzle at any time.
- Manual and automatic watering systems for a maximum of 2 hrs between 10pm and 6am.
- Where water is not part of the income earning process, the same restrictions apply as for residential users.

***Further restrictions may be necessary in the future, depending on weather conditions and town water storage levels.***

#### **Periods of Total Fire Ban**

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David Metcalf

## GENERAL MANAGER

## GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY COUNCIL

### STAGE 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS (insert Township name)

Notice is hereby given that, due to recent reductions in town water storage volumes, Stage 3 water use restrictions will apply for the town of (insert name) commencing at midnight on (insert date) until further notice.

#### **STAGE 3 RESTRICTIONS COMPRISE THE FOLLOWING: FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL USERS, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS, SCHOOLS COMMERCIAL USERS AND OTHERS:**

##### **Gardens, sports grounds and recreation areas:**

- Private lawns cannot be watered.
- Gardens cannot be watered.
- Sports Grounds cannot be watered.

##### **Vehicles:**

- No washing of vehicles. *This also applies to Commercial Users.*

##### **Boats:**

- No washing of boats.
- Motors may be flushed for a maximum of 3 minutes only.

##### **Paved areas, driveways, walls and windows:**

- Hosing strictly prohibited.

##### **Outdoor Pools and Spas:**

- No filling, refilling, topping up of pools and spas

##### **Private water storage:**

- No filling of private storages from town water supplies.

##### **Stock watering:**

- Stock will only be watered from a trough on a reticulated supply or hand held hose.

##### **Commercial Users/Nurseries:**

- Hand held hose with trigger nozzle anytime.
- Where water is not part of the income earning process, the same restrictions apply as for residential users. However Commercial users may apply in writing to the General for certain exemptions.

#### **Periods of Total Fire Ban**

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David Metcalf  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

## **5. IMPLEMENTATION**

This policy is to be implemented by the General Manager as required.

## **6. DELEGATION**

N/A

## **7. RESPONSIBILITY**

The compliance of this policy is the responsibility of the General Manager.

## **8. REPORTING**

The General Manager will report to Council to notify the placing of restrictions.

## **9. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

*The Waterworks Clauses Act 1952*

*The Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993*

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## **10. REFERENCES**

## **11. ATTACHMENTS**

N/A