

South Esk River Water Management Plan

SURETY LEVEL 8 ALLOCATIONS AND OPPORTUNISTIC WATER

FACTSHEET OVERVIEW

The South Esk River Water Management Plan sets out access rules for the taking of water under Surety Level 8 allocations and for the taking of Opportunistic Water in the South Esk River catchment. This factsheet summarises the rules that apply under the Water Management Plan.

For the full details, see the South Esk River Catchment Water Management Plan at <http://dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/water/water-management-plans/adopted-water-management-plans/south-esk-water-management-plan>

RULES FOR OPPORTUNISTIC ACCESS TO WATER

Licensees will be permitted to take water from a watercourse during periods of very high flow. Once the threshold flow of 6,500 ML/day has been reached (measured at South Esk River at Llewellyn) and an Authorised Officer has provided notification, licensees will be able to take water until the flow falls below 6,500 ML/day or Trevallyn Dam ceases to spill, as advised by an Authorised Officer.

RULES FOR ACCESS TO WATER UNDER SURETY LEVEL 8 ALLOCATIONS

The taking of water under a Surety Level 8 allocation will not be permitted until river flows exceed the threshold levels set out in **Table 1**. Once the threshold levels are exceeded, and an Authorised Officer has provided notification, licensees with a Surety Level 8 allocation will be able to take water for up to 5 days so long as river flows remain above the levels set out in **Table 2**.

Subject to agreement with Hydro Tasmania, this period may be extended by up to a further 7 days on occasions when Trevallyn Dam continues to spill and river flows remain above the levels set out in **Table 2**. In these circumstances, licensees will be notified of an extended take period by an Authorised Officer.

Table 1 Flow thresholds for the taking of water under a Surety Level 8 allocation

Management Zone	Flow measured at	Threshold Flow (ML/day)
South Esk River and Break O'Day River September - November (inclusive)	South Esk River at Llewellyn	First event in period: 3,000 Subsequent events: 2,020
South Esk River and Break O'Day River December - August (inclusive)	South Esk River at Llewellyn	First event in period: 3,000 Subsequent events: 2,020
St Pauls River	St Pauls River above South Esk River	230
Nile River	Nile River at Deddington	780

Table 2 Flow thresholds for removing authorisation to take water under a Surety Level 8 allocation

Management Zone	South Esk River and Break O'Day River	St Pauls River	Nile River	
Flow measured at	South Esk River at Llewellyn	St Pauls River above South Esk River	Nile River at Deddington	
Restriction thresholds (ML/day)	Jan	170	10	9
	Feb	170	10	9
	Mar	170	10	9
	Apr	170	10	9
	May	250	18	28
	Jun	400	20	23
	Jul	700	40	23
	Aug	800	48	23
	Sep	1,000	48	23
	Oct	560	22	27
	Nov	350	25	22
	Dec	170	10	9