

2023-24 Announced Allocation Notice for the Daly Roper Beetaloo Water Control District

The Daly Roper Beetaloo Water Control District includes the Mataranka Tindall Limestone Aquifer, Tindall Flora Aquifer and Jinduckin formation, Edith River and upstream Katherine River area.

Water extraction licences in the Daly Roper Beetaloo Water Control District are subject to announced allocation conditions. These conditions provide me, as the Controller of Water Resources, an option to temporarily reduce water licence entitlements, should it be required to protect the environmental, cultural or social values associated with a water resource.

I have determined that the environmental, cultural and social values of the abovementioned resources within the Daly Roper Beetaloo Water Control District will be maintained without any reduction in water entitlements for the 2023-24 water accounting year, commencing 1 May 2023.

All licence holders within the abovementioned resources of the Daly Roper Beetaloo Water Control District, are permitted to extract 100 per cent of their licensed entitlements for the 2023-24 water accounting year.

In determining not to reduce allocation entitlements, I considered the following matters:

- The Water Allocation Planning Framework identifies allowable levels of impact to water resources within the District, not covered by a Water Allocation Plan.
- The Katherine, Mataranka and Daly regions received above-average rainfall during the 2022-2023 wet season.
- Reported water use for all licences in the above resources was approximately 50 per cent.
- Modelling for the District predicts the impact of water extraction, including rural stock and domestic and existing licences, on river flows on 1 November 2023 (assuming zero rainfall for the remainder of 2023).

Modelled predictions indicate flow rates in the Mataranka Tindall Limestone Aquifer, Tindall Flora Aquifer and Jinduckin formation, Edith River and upstream Katherine River areas are within the level of impact set by the Water Allocation Planning Framework.

Joanne Townsend
Controller of Water Resources

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