

2022 Announced Allocation Decision

Daly Roper Beetaloo Water Control District - Edith River

Water extraction licences granted for the Edith River in the Daly Roper Beetaloo Water Control District are granted subject to annual announced allocation conditions. These conditions allow me, as the Controller of Water Resources, to reduce licensed water entitlements to protect the environmental, cultural and social values of water.

In determining whether to make an announced allocation resulting in a reduction of licensed water entitlements for the 2022-23 water year for this water resource, I considered the following:

- The actual water take for the last three years including the current water accounting year has been less than 50 per cent of the total authorised allocations.
- There is a low likelihood, due to the lack of development and infrastructure in place, that full entitlement will be extracted in the coming year.
- The average wet season rainfall is expected to sustain a level of flow in the river to sustain environmental and other public benefit water provisions.

For these reasons, I have formed the opinion that making an annual announced allocation for the 2022-23 water accounting year is not necessary to protect the environmental, cultural or social values associated with these water resources.

Accordingly, I have determined not to reduce licensed water entitlements through the annual announced allocation condition. Therefore, all water extraction licence holders in the Edith River area within the Daly Roper Beetaloo Water Control District are permitted to extract 100 per cent of their maximum licensed entitlement for the 2022-23 water accounting year, which commences on 1 May 2022.



Joanne Townsend
Controller of Water Resources

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