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Press Release

COUNCIL TO COMMENCE WATER CARTING TO VILLAGE OF BYROCK

Bourke Shire Council will commence carting water for domestic use to the village of Byrock starting on Friday 8th April 2019 with the storage I at the village below the level that allows for effective pumping.

While the Byrock village supply catchment was fortunate to have received significant runoff from storm activity earlier in the year that water has now all been utilised.

Works Manager for Bourke Shire Council Peter Brown said that water supply at Byrock is a non- potable supply and both residents and visitors should be mindful of this fact.

Council and the residents of Byrock are extremely grateful for the support of the Minister for Regional Water Hon Niall Blair MLC and DPI-Water in providing the assistance towards the cost of carting water in these very dry conditions. The approval obtained for the carting is up until 30th June 2019 and at this stage capped at \$50,000.00. Mr. Brown said that although the cost of carting is subsidized there was still a cost to Council.

The water to be carted is for domestic purposes only and the use should be restricted to internal use and care should be taken to ensure that there are no leaking pipes that may adversely impact on the amount of water available for use.

General Manager of Bourke Shire Ross Earl said that in periods where water has needed to be carted previously the residents of Byrock have been diligent in ensuring that they have been frugal with their use of available water supply. They were all very conscious of the amount able to be carted and Mr. Earl said he was again anticipating a similar level of cooperation from the residents.

Carting will continue until there is sufficient water in the storage to allow pumping to recommence from that source.

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