



## MEDIA RELEASE

# LEVEL ONE (1) WATER RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE FOR THE TOWN OF BOURKE AND NORTH BOURKE

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Bourke Shire Council advises all residents of Bourke and North Bourke that due to the latest inflow into the weir pool, Bourke and North Bourke will revert to Level 1 Water Restrictions which will apply effective from midday, Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

The trigger point for the lifting of restrictions has generally been water from the Darling River flowing over the Bourke Weir, however, given the fact that the forecast is for a hot and dry summer period, coupled with the fact that many landowners and communities downstream are still facing severe water shortages, Council has decided that in this instance to only revert to Level 1 Water Restrictions rather than lift restrictions.

The use of fixed sprinklers is now limited to two (2) hours per day either between the hours of 6.00am to 8.00am or 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

Hand held sprinklers can still be used at other times.

The washing of paved areas and filling of new swimming pools is prohibited in accordance with Councils adopted policy.

Water restrictions will also continue to apply to watering of public parks, recreational areas and sporting ovals and where possible the hours will be varied from residential allocated periods to ensure as far as possible water pressure is maintained for all residents during the times allowed for watering under the restrictions.

The cooperation of all residents is sought in complying with these restrictions.

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Further information Contact General Manager Ross Earl 68 30 8000.