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LEVEL TWO WATER RESTRICTIONS FROM TOMORROW IN GREATER SYDNEY AND THE ILLAWARRA

Minister for Water, Property and Housing Melinda Pavey today reminded people in Sydney, Blue Mountains and the Illawarra Level 2 water restrictions will come into effect from tomorrow 10 December.

“NSW is currently experiencing one of the most severe droughts on record and Sydney is not exempt from the drought. By introducing Level 2 restrictions we will save 78.5 gigalitres of water,” Mrs Pavey said.

“More than 85 per cent of Greater Sydney’s water is supplied by captured rainfall and because of the current drought, dam levels have reached the lowest levels seen since the Millennium drought.”

Under the new Level 2 water restrictions people will be required to use a bucket or watering can to water their gardens between approved times, cars can only be washed with a bucket or taken to a commercial car wash and topping up of pools and spas is limited to 15 minutes a day with a trigger nozzle.

“We’re doing the work to save as much drinking water as we can, particularly as we go into another hot and dry summer,” Ms Pavey said.

Businesses who rely upon outdoor water use as part of their operations need to get an exemption.

“If a business applied for and received a permit under the previous level of restrictions, they’ll need to contact Sydney Water to confirm it’s still valid,” Mrs Pavey said.

Fines will still apply for breaches of water restrictions - \$220 for residential breaches and \$550 for businesses. For up-to-date information on Level 2 restrictions visit lovewater.sydney/restrictions

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