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## All water restrictions lifted as of 1 March 2021

Essential Water today announced that following consistent inflows to both the Darling and Murray Rivers, Level 1 water restrictions will be lifted as of 1 March 2021.

Water restrictions will be lifted for all Essential Water customers in Broken Hill, Menindee, Sunset Strip and Silverton.

Ross Berry, Head of Water Operations for Essential Water said, "Today's announcement allows people to use water at any time of the day. This year's wetter and cooler than average summer means that we can move forward with removing the time restrictions on activities like watering lawns and gardens, cleaning windows and washing cars earlier than planned."

"On behalf of the team at Essential Water, I'd like to thank the community for working with us to conserve water, particularly while water restrictions have been in force," Mr Berry said.

"We'd like to take this opportunity to remind the community that water restrictions do not limit the quantity of water our customers can use. They aim to restrict water wastage by promoting strategies to use water in a smarter way, and by restricting the times that some activities can take place. For example, the watering of lawns and gardens was restricted to less evaporative times of the day between 4pm and 10am.

"For a sustainable water supply without water restrictions into the future, it's important that we all continue to contribute to water conservation once restrictions are lifted on 1 March 2021," Mr Berry said

"With that in mind, we've provided the following water wise tips for our customers at the same time we're lifting restrictions."

Essential Water's water wise tips:

- Water lawns and gardens between 4pm and 10am when using hand-held hoses and sprinklers or 7pm – 10am when using automatic watering systems (this will help in the reduction of evaporation).
- Clean windows and hard surfaces such as paths, driveways, sides of buildings with a broom rather than a hose.
- Only use a trigger hose when necessary.
- When washing cars, use a commercial car wash or fill a bucket directly from a tap. Only using a trigger hose to rinse a vehicle once washed.
- Run grey water from washing machines onto lawns and garden beds.

For more information on being water wise visit the Essential Water website for more information, visit the Essential Water Facebook page @essentialwaterNSW or visit the Essential Water website

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