

## Media Release

## **Liverpool Plains Shire Council – 6746 1755**

## Wallabadah and Premer water supplies to Level 1 conservation measures

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Level One (1) Water Conservation Measures are being introduced in Wallabadah and Premer effective from Wednesday 20 February 2019.

Level 1 Water Conservation Measures include;

- Sprinkler use limited to 2 hours per day
- Wash down of hard/paved surfaces by high pressure hose only
- Permits required to fill pools over 2,000L

Liverpool Plains Shire Council's (LPSC) Water Services Manager, Rod Batterham, said the water level in Wallabadah Supplies' Number 1 Pump Station, the town's original source, is at a level that would be unable to maintain supply on its own while the newer No. 2 Pump Station, commissioned in 2013, had until recently been meeting the towns' demand without drawdown on the aquifer. He said these factors have triggered the introduction of the Level 1 conservation measures.

Mr Batterham said the drawdown on the aquifer supplying Premer's Pump Station has also dropped to the level requiring Level 1 measures to conserve the supply.

"If consumers in both communities observe these conservation measures and meet the target water reduction required, level 1 measures will be sustainable for the foreseeable future without higher restrictions being required," he continued.

He said Werris Creek remains on Level 1 Water Conservation Measures due to capacity constraints at the town's Water Treatment Plant.

"Quipolly Dam currently sits at 48% capacity and the Drought Management trigger for level 1 Water Conservation Measures in Werris Creek is expected to be reached in mid-March," he said.

"Council continuously monitors the water level in all 8 of the Shire's Town Water Supplies. No changes to Water Conservation Measures on other supplies are expected at this stage, however water sources can change rapidly in dry conditions," he warned.

"All consumers are reminded to be mindful of their water usage at all times and to apply water efficient practices, with particular emphasis on avoiding watering during the heat of the day. The cooperation of all consumers is essential towards forestalling the need for the introduction of further or higher water conservation measures," Mr Batterham concluded.