

Belubula Uncontrolled Access

Access to uncontrolled flows in the Belubula River

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The Department of Planning, Industry & Environment – Water has approved further extension to uncontrolled flows in the Belubula River.

Uncontrolled flow access is available to regulated river (general security) access licences as allowed in the WSP

Uncontrolled flow access has been extended below Needles to cease 9am on Tuesday, 12 January 2021

General security access licence holders who wish to access uncontrolled flows will be required to place water orders without needing water order lead time and provide meter reading prior to and at the end of the extraction.

Uncontrolled flow access is not available for regulated river (high security) and regulated river (domestic and stock licences) licences.

The total amount of uncontrolled flow that may be extracted in any water year by a regulated river (general security) access licence holder must not exceed an amount that is the lesser of 50% of the share component or the difference between the share component and allocations credited to the “Take” account from 1 July 2020 to the start of the uncontrolled flow event.

For example, an access licence with share component of 350 ML and with a start of year (1 July 2020) account balance of 100 ML is allowed to access 175 ML for the water year (lesser of 175 ML being 50% of the share component and 250 ML being difference of share component and allocations credited including carryover)

Share Comp	Take Account balance on 1 July 2020	New AWDs since 1 July 2020	Total allocations credited from 1 July 2020	Difference between share comp and allocations credited from 1 July 2020	50% of Share Comp	Total volume allowed to extract in the current water Year
350	100	0	100	250	175	175
350	300	0	300	50	175	50
350	350	0	350	0	175	0
350	400	0	400	0	175	0
350	0	0	0	350	175	175

Any extraction in excess of what is allowed to extract under uncontrolled flow access will be debited from remaining balances in the general security accounts.

Extraction without approved water orders and extraction in excess of available water allocations will be subject to compliance action by Natural Resource Access Regulator (NRAR).

WaterNSW will continue to monitor the flows in the Belubula River and will seek approval for extension to the uncontrolled flow access as appropriate.

More information

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