

# Belubula Uncontrolled Access

## First time ever access to uncontrolled flows in the Belubula River

15 August 2019

The Department of Planning, Industry & Environment – Water has approved access to uncontrolled flows in the Belubula River for the first time since the implementation of the regulated Belubula Water Sharing Plan in 2012.

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

Uncontrolled flow access will commence at 6 pm on 15 August 2019 and will cease at 6 pm on 17 August 2019.

General security access licence holders who wish to access uncontrolled flows will be required to place water orders and provide meter reading prior to and at the end of the extraction. No water order lead time is required.

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 2019 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 2019) account balance of 100 ML can 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	Account balance on 1 July 2019	New AWDs since 1 July 2019	Total allocations credited from 1 July 2019	Difference between share comp and allocations credited from 1 July 2019	50% of Share Comp	Volume allowed to extract
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

Water extracted under uncontrolled flow access is not debited to the account at the end of the water year unless an available water determination (AWD) is made following extraction. If AWDs are made for regulated river (general security) access licences during 2019-20 water year after the taking of water from uncontrolled flows has commenced, then the water allocation accounts of regulated river (general security) access licences will be debited by the volume of water taken from uncontrolled flows up to the amount credited to the account from those AWDs.

Any extraction in excess of what is allowed to be extracted under uncontrolled flow access rules 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.

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