Newsletter to Barossa Infrastructure Customers

Water rationing for 2010/11 is 100%

Carryover

As a result of the end of drought conditions, the Minister has advised there will be no carryover in 2011/12. There is a high probability of full allocations in 2011/12.

Additional / Surplus Water 2010/11

A considerable amount of water has been declared surplus, with little additional water being notified. It is unlikely that all requests will be met.

The proforma is attached.

Operational issues

Low flows have caused a number of operational problems this summer. The most significant is that if customer connections are not operated slowly a surge in the system results in a complete shut down. This occurred over the New Year period. When we restarted the system there were bursts in two large mains. The result is customers, mostly north of the highway, were without supply for up to 3 days. I apologise for the disruption.

The most important issue is customer connections must be operated slowly (eg 5 or 6 minutes for a 40 to 50mm connection). If automated equipment is used it must be set to operate slowly and kept in good working condition.

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