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STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS ANNOUNCED FOR REGION

Lower Murray Water (LMW) has today announced the implementation of Stage 1 water restrictions for the entire region starting from midnight on Monday 9th November 2009

“With the recent substantial increase in allocations in both the Murray and Goulburn systems we now have a satisfactory amount of water within our bulk entitlement to allow for an easing of water restrictions in the region.” said Managing Director Ron Leamon

Stage 1 restrictions see customers being able to manually water within the hours of 7 - 9am and 7-9pm on alternate days of the week and operate automatic irrigation systems between midnight & 4.00am on alternate days.

“This is based simply on customer’s street address matching the appropriate odds and evens calendar dates.” Mr Leamon explained.

“The changes to the water restrictions mean our customers will have a doubling of the allowable hours for operating watering systems over a fortnightly period which will assist in watering over the summer.” said Mr Leamon.

“One particular change we know that will assist all customers is that under Stage 1 customer’s can use a hand held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle at any time to water gardens and lawns. Likewise customers may choose to wash or rinse their vehicles at any time provided they use a hose fitted with a trigger nozzle. Considering the windy, dusty weather conditions we have been experiencing recently we believe this will be widely accepted feature of Stage 1.”

“Even though we are making the use of water more freely available we hope that customers will continue the great work of conserving water that has become apparent over the past 3 years. We believe there has been a change in customer’s mindsets while we have been under restrictions and we are hopeful that customers will continue to preserve our most important resource.”

LMW has advised that customers wishing to obtain more information should visit the website www.lmw.vic.gov.au or contact their local office of Lower Murray Water.

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