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SECURING GREATER SYDNEY'S WATER SUPPLY

The NSW Government is taking action to protect Greater Sydney's water supply from drought conditions with the introduction of water restrictions.

Last week, Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston MP announced Level 1 water restrictions that came into effect across Greater Sydney on Saturday, 1 June.

"Greater Sydney is experiencing drought. We're seeing some of the lowest inflows into our dams since the 1940s, so it's vital we take early and decisive action," Ms Preston said.

"The Bureau of Meteorology's latest forecast is predicting below-average rainfall and higher temperatures for June to August, which are key drivers of stronger water demand. Water restrictions are an important drought response because they target the outdoor water use of all households.

"Regional NSW has been experiencing a record drought. Water restrictions in Sydney mean that households across NSW are doing their bit to conserve water."

Under the Level 1 water restrictions residents and businesses are not able to:

- use standard sprinklers and watering systems at any time
- leave hoses running unattended
- wash vehicles and buildings with a hose that isn't fitted with a trigger nozzle or high pressure cleaning equipment
- clean hard surfaces such as paths, driveways and paved areas with a hose as part of general clean.

Water restrictions are enforceable and penalties apply. Fines of \$220 will apply to individuals and \$550 for businesses who don't follow the restrictions. There will be a three-month grace period before fines apply. Fines will not be issued until after 1 September 2019.

For more information visit: <https://lovewater.sydney/>

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