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Continued water supply to Menindee, water restrictions hit level 3

Essential Water has advised the Menindee community members that as Copi Hollow water supply is no longer viable, the town will be supplied potable drinking water via bore water to ensure continued supply. As a condition of moving to bore water, and as advised in June 2019, this move triggers Level 3 water restrictions for the town.

The water restrictions will play a significant role in conserving the existing water source.

“All of Essential Water’s treated water is safe to use for drinking, cooking and washing. The water we supply meets the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines,” Essential Water’s Head of Operations, Ross Berry assured locals.

“We monitor water quality around the clock and rigorous independent tests are undertaken each week,” he continued.

Independent laboratories certified by the National Association of Testing Authorities undertake water sampling analysis including microbiological, chemical and physical analysis weekly, fortnightly and monthly, as appropriate.

To ensure a safe water supply is delivered to customers, control parameters are monitored electronically in real time around the clock by qualified operators at the Mica Street Water Treatment Plant in Broken Hill and the Menindee Water Treatment Plant.

The change in Level 3 restrictions means that residents can no longer use automatic watering systems (reticulation) and can water by hand once only on designated days, to a maximum of three times per week. Other water restrictions remain in place, and further information can be found on the Essential Water website.

“There’s a lot of ways you can keep water use to a minimum, every little bit counts,” said Mr Berry.

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