



10 April 2026

To Carnarvon Licensees,

The Gascoyne River reached a peak flow of 6.1 m at the Nine Mile Bridge gauging station on 30 March 2026. River flow is expected to continue for the next four to six weeks.

Based on the recorded and continued flow, the allocation for the month of:

**APRIL 2026 IS UNRESTRICTED PUMPING**

In line with the *Lower Gascoyne Water Allocation Plan (2011, updated 2015)*.

The rules guiding unrestricted pumping are as follows:

- At its discretion, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the department) may declare unrestricted groundwater pumping from the **Riverbed Sands Formation** in subarea A and subarea B–L.
- Licensees must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department that their bore or spearpoint is in the Riverbed Sands Formation to be eligible to undertake unrestricted pumping.
- Water abstracted from the Riverbed Sands Formation during a declared unrestricted pumping period does not count towards the licensee’s annual entitlement but must continue to be metered.
- Maximum monthly abstraction limits do not apply during periods of unrestricted pumping for abstraction from the Riverbed Sands Formation.
- The department does not permit unrestricted pumping from the Older Alluvium Formation. Water abstracted from the older alluvium will count towards the licensee’s annual entitlement.

Please direct questions regarding this notice to the department at:

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