



Memorandum

To: All NSW Club and Branch Presidents
From: Steven Pearce AFSM, SLSNSW CEO
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Subject: NSW Level Two Water Restrictions

The NSW Government announced the introduction of level two water restrictions in November, as dam levels continue to fall in drought conditions. From 10 December, water restrictions will apply to all residents and businesses in the areas, following the introduction of level one restrictions in June – the first time since the millennium drought in 2003.

Sydney Water will issue exemptions to Surf Life Saving Clubs within its area of operations stating that they can use a hose with a trigger nozzle for washing of designated equipment immediately after use. This is a common practice and necessary to protect equipment from saltwater and sand degradation.

In many cases the clubs use rainwater, however almost all clubs will eventually need to use drinking water for this purpose as the drought continues.

Equipment involved includes:

- Side by side vehicle (SSV)
- inflatable rescue boats (IRB)
- surf boats
- rescue tubes
- rescue and competition boards
- skis
- jet skis – also known as Rescue Water Craft (RWC)
- and trailers used on the beach for transport of patrol equipment.

Please note that since different areas of the state are in different levels of restrictions, surf clubs outside of the Sydney Water area of operations need to contact their relevant councils regarding water restriction rules that apply.

If you have any questions in relation to these exemptions, please contact:

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