Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers

Water Act 2000
(Section 29)

Limitations on taking water for rural and irrigation purposes from the O'Connell River and tributaries

1. This notice is given by the chief executive pursuant to section 29 of the *Water Act 2000* (Act).
2. This notice has effect on and from **9 October 2026**, until further notice, for the O'Connell River and tributaries, located in the Mackay and Whitsunday Region.
3. This notice replaces all previous notices issued pursuant to section 29 of the Act referring to limitation of take within the O'Connell River and tributaries.
4. The taking of water for the purpose of rural or irrigation is **prohibited**.
5. This notice remains in force until withdrawn by the Chief Executive by way of notice.
6. A person must not take water in contravention of this notice. A contravention of this notice is an offence under section 29(5) of the Act and renders a person liable for a maximum penalty of 500 penalty units ($86,350).

Enquiries concerning this notice may be made by:

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