

## Little Rainfall Impacts Water Storages And River Flow

Little rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water’s storages from **27th of February 2016 to 4th of March 2016**. Lance Creek 0mm, Ruby Creek 0mm, Coalition Creek 0mm, Deep Creek 1mm, Little Bass 0mm and Battery Creek 0mm.

Stage 1 water restrictions apply to South Gippsland Water customers in Korumburra, Poowong, Loch and Nyora) and Stage 2 water restrictions now apply to customers in Fish Creek.

Flow in the Tarwin River has dropped below 20 ML/day. Under the current bulk entitlement agreement to provide supplementary water from the river to the Korumburra water supply system, extraction of water from the river was stopped on Friday 4 March.

Justin Wightman, Acting Managing Director, South Gippsland Water said, “When needed, pumping from the Tarwin provides an alternate water supply to augment the Korumburra system. The bulk entitlement ensures that when flow levels drop, pumping from the river stops; it’s a measure that’s in place to protect water quality and river health.”

“The Corporation will continue to closely monitor water storages and river flow over the coming weeks,” added Mr Wightman. “Higher level restrictions for the Korumburra system will be activated if required.”

Information regarding Permanent Water Saving Rules (which apply across the region), Stage 1 “ALERT” Water Restrictions (Korumburra, Poowong, Loch and Nyora), and Stage 2 “SAVE” Water Restrictions (Fish Creek) can be found at [www.sgwater.com.au](http://www.sgwater.com.au) or contact South Gippsland Water on 1300 851 636 with questions or concerns regarding smarter water usage.

Reservoir	Major towns supplied	Capacity level %	Comments
Lance Creek	Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson	68	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha & surrounds	51	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	57	<b>Stage 1 Restrictions</b>
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	69	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora & Loch	48	<b>Stage 1 Restrictions</b>
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	51	<b>Stage 2 Restrictions</b>

River Systems	Major Town Supplied	Current Status
Tarwin	Meeniyon, Dumbalk	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Agnes	Welshpool, Port Welshpool, Toora, Port Franklin	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Tarra	Yarram, Alberton, Port Albert	Permanent Water Saving Measures