Media Release

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Water Storages Continue to Fall

Rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from 13th of February 2016 to 19th of February 2016. Lance Creek 11.5mm, Ruby Creek 9.6mm, Coalition Creek 14mm, Deep Creek 1mm, Little Bass 10mm and Battery Creek 4.5mm.

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director, South Gippsland Water said, "Every little bit of rain helps during this dry time; all but two of our catchment areas received falls within the vicinity of 10mm over the past week. Despite this, demand for water means that storages continue to drop."

"We are carefully monitoring the Little Bass and Battery Creek storage levels as, with continued dry climate conditions, elevating water restrictions for these two systems is imminent."

Without significant rainfall in the coming weeks, Stage One Water Restrictions will apply to the Little Bass water supply system servicing Poowong, Loch and Nyora and Stage Two Water Restrictions are likely to apply to the Battery Creek system that services Fish Creek.

"Customers are encouraged to use household water wisely and to make sure Permanent Water Saving Rules and, in the case of Korumburra and Fish Creek, current Stage One Restrictions are adhered to."

Information regarding Permanent Water Saving Rules, which apply across the region, and Stage 1 "ALERT" Water Restrictions, which are currently in force for Korumburra and Fish Creek, can be found at 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	69	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha & surrounds	55	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	59	Stage 1 Restrictions
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	79	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora & Loch	54	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	57	Stage 1 Restrictions

River Systems	Major Town Supplied	Current Status
Tarwin	Meeniyan, 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