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Water Sharing Plan Part Suspension (Peel Valley Regulated, Unregulated, Alluvium and Fractured Rock Water Sources) Order 2020

under the

Water Management Act 2000

I, Melinda Pavey, Minister for Water, Property and Housing, in pursuance of section 49B of the *Water Management Act 2000* and being satisfied that there is an extreme event in relation to the Peel Valley, Regulated, Unregulated, Alluvium and Fractured Rock Water Sources, make the following Order.

Dated 28 February 2020

Melinda Pavey MP
Minister for Water, Property and Housing

Explanatory note

The object of this Order is to continue the part suspension of the *Water Sharing Plan for the Peel Valley Regulated, Unregulated, Alluvium and Fractured Rock Water Sources 2010* with respect to the environmental release requirements due to an extreme dry period. This Order is made under section 49B of the *Water Management Act 2000*. The concurrence of the Minister for Energy and Environment was obtained before the making of this Order. This Order expires on 30 June 2020 unless sooner revoked.

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1 Name of Order

This Order is the *Water Sharing Plan Part Suspension (Peel Valley Regulated, Unregulated, Alluvium and Fractured Rock Water Sources) Order 2020*.

2 Commencement

This Order commences the day on which it is published in the Gazette.

Note. This Order will expire on 30 June 2020 in accordance with section 49B(4) of the *Water Management Act 2000* unless sooner revoked.

3 Suspension

The operation of clause 31 (3) of the *Water Sharing Plan for the Peel Valley Regulated, Unregulated, Alluvium and Fractured Rock Water Sources 2010* is suspended.

4 Reasons not to amend Plan in accordance with s 49B(5) of the Act

There is no need to amend the *Water Sharing Plan for the Peel Valley Regulated, Unregulated, Alluvium and Fractured Rock Water Sources 2010* under Division 9 of Part 3 of Chapter 2 of the Act for the following reasons:

- The suspension is in response to an extreme event where extreme water shortages are still impacting on critical town water supply needs in the Peel Valley with Chaffey Dam at 14%. The Chaffey Dam was at 16% in December 2019 when the first suspension order was made. The suspension order is the appropriate mechanism to respond to extreme events rather than an amendment,
- Any amendments now with respect to the environmental flow rule would be premature given the proposed Chaffey to Dungowan pipeline which has yet to commence may require amendments to the water sharing plan.