

Media Release

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Re: Water Conservation Urged for Several NW Communities

Cradle Mountain Water is advising several North West communities to conserve water usage over the weekend, as the Forth Water Treatment Plant has been shut down due to flooding.

“The Forth Water Treatment Plant is situated along the Forth River which is currently under direct threat of flooding. As a result, the treatment plant has been shut down and the only water we are able to supply some communities is what we currently have in our storage facilities,” CEO Andrew Kneebone said.

“Our storage facilities are currently sitting at 55% capacity – an estimated three days supply, which we hope will be sufficient” he said. “However, precautionary measures such as conserving water will help ensure a continued water supply.”

The offices at Forth have also been evacuated and closed as a result of the threat of flood.

Residents in the following communities are urged to conserve water over the weekend:

- Forth
- Devonport
- Latrobe
- Port Sorell
- Shearwater
- Hawley
- Ulverstone

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