

Media Release

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Re: Conserve Water Notice – Lifted

Cradle Mountain Water wishes to advise the conserve water notice issued to residents in Forth and Don yesterday has now been lifted.

The notice was issued as the result of a power failure at the Forth Treatment Plant on Tuesday night.

“A fire alarm was triggered at the plant on Tuesday night and upon investigation a burnt out Aurora supply connection was discovered which caused general power loss to the Forth water treatment plant site and surrounding grid customers,” CEO Andrew Kneebone said.

“Our crews worked with Aurora throughout Tuesday night to isolate the treatment plant from the grid, thus restoring power to other users. Aurora crews worked throughout the day yesterday and power was restored to the plant last night,” he said.

The power failure interrupted our usual overnight pumping to keep reservoirs topped up hence why we asked customers in Forth and Don to conserve water yesterday. We have alternative arrangements that could have been put in place to ensure supply to these areas if the repair had taken longer than yesterday to effect.

“It is business as usual for plant operations today,” he said.

“We would like to thank our customers in the Don and Forth area for their cooperation during this time and Aurora for their timely service.”