



SYDNEY DESALINATION PLANT RESTARTS

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The Sydney Desalination Plant is being returned to service.

Under the Metropolitan Water Plan, the restart procedures are activated when total dam storage levels across Sydney fall below 60 per cent.

This occurred today.

The Chief Executive Officer, Keith Davies, said Sydney Desalination Plant was working closely with Sydney Water to ensure drinkable water was produced and pumped into the Sydney water system as soon as possible.

“At this stage, it is estimated that drinkable water will be produced by the Sydney Desalination Plant and delivered to Sydney’s drinking water supply within the next three to four months,” Mr Davies said.

“In line with our operating licence, we expect it will take up to eight months from restart for the plant to reach its maximum capacity of producing 250 million litres per day of water – or about 15 per cent of Sydney’s drinking water requirements.

“The Sydney Desalination Plant plays an important part in assisting the NSW Government in implementing its wider measures aimed at alleviating the metropolitan impacts of the current drought.”

Mr Davies said that at full capacity, water from the plant would be delivered to Sydney Water’s system for the benefit of all customers.