



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Water Restrictions**

**Treated Water: Hutts Gate, Redhill, Chubbs Spring, Levelwood  
Untreated Water: Sandy Bay, Blue Hill, Head O' Wain, Burnt Rock, Horse Pasture,  
Thompsons Hill, Guinea Grass, St Pauls, Jamestown, Woody Ridge and  
Longwood.**

Connect Saint Helena regrets to inform the public that water restrictions will be formally imposed for water consumers island wide, with effect from Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 15 of the Water Ordinance.

As highlighted in recent public notices, the raw water stocks across island have continued to dwindle as a result of a lack of rainfall. Although the collective rate of water abstraction from our natural water sources has improved from years past, the overall daily rate of replenishment has fallen behind daily consumption. This, together with the lack of adequate rainfall, have resulted in continual reductions in our raw water stock.

The long-term situation is now deemed unsustainable and, consumers will be required to reduce consumption to essential use only. Water restrictions will prohibit the use of hosepipes and sprinklers for any purpose including: watering of gardens and plants; washing of vehicles, and washing down of hard-standing areas (driveways and other paved areas).

Agricultural consumers may apply to be exempted from the water restrictions and be provided with formal documentation to that effect, in accordance with Regulation 15(3) of the Water Ordinance. To apply for a formal exemption notice, agricultural consumers are asked to urgently contact Annalisa Young at Connect Saint Helena Limited on 22255 or e-mail [annalisa.young@connect.co.sh](mailto:annalisa.young@connect.co.sh).

Persons with garden plots of less than 8 x 4 meters must provide in writing the following:  
- size and location of plot, type of crops and growth stage of crop.  
Decisions on agricultural exemptions will be made in conjunction with ANRD.

Any other person or business who wish to be considered for exemption from formal water restrictions, may apply in writing to Annalisa Young, or contact her on telephone no 22255 or e-mail [annalisa.young@connect.co.sh](mailto:annalisa.young@connect.co.sh). Detailed reasons for the request must be provided.

Non-compliance with the water restrictions may lead to prosecution, which could result in a fine of up to £2,000 or a custodial sentence not exceeding 6 months.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

