



PRESS RELEASE

Water Restrictions

Treated Water: Hutts Gate, Redhill, Levelwood
Untreated Water: Blue Hill, Head O' Wain, Burnt Rock, Horse Pasture & Thompson Hill

Connect Saint Helena regrets to inform the public that water restrictions will be formally imposed for water consumers in the above areas with effect from Monday 15 June 2015, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 15 of the Water Ordinance.

As highlighted in recent public notices, the raw water stocks in the above areas have continued to dwindle as a result of continuous high water consumption. In spite of further measures introduced to improve the abstraction of water from our natural sources, low rates of replenishment have been achieved. This, together with the recent rains, has not resulted in significant improvements of our raw water stock.

The 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 Paul Duncan at Connect Saint Helena Limited on 22255 or e-mail paul.duncan@connect.co.sh. Consideration for exemption will be based on cultivated status of agricultural land and details to that effect must be provided to Connect for consultation and advice from ANRD.

Any other person or business who wish to be considered for exemption from formal water restrictions, may apply in writing to Paul Duncan, Water Systems Manager on 22255 or e-mail to paul.duncan@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 – 3rd June 2015

