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## Lower Darling Temporary Trade closed

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, today announced the closure of temporary trade into and out of the regulated lower Darling River.

Mr Harriss said that with the total storage in the Menindee Lakes System having now fallen below 480,000 megalitres, the focus of Menindee operations is now to preserve water for as long as possible to meet the needs of Lower Darling water users and town water supply.

“This means that trades into and out of the lower Darling will not be permitted.”

Mr Harriss said that the lowest lake in the system, Lake Cawndilla, is currently holding some 180,000 megalitres and this water cannot be readily used by local towns or Lower Darling water users.

“Trade applications involving access to this water will continue to be accepted where it can be delivered via Cawndilla Outlet into Tandou Creek and the Great Darling Anabranh.”

The NSW Office of Water will continue to monitor conditions and will provide community updates and advice as appropriate.

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