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DEMAND FOR WATER DOWN ACROSS THE LOWER HUNTER

Lower Hunter communities are setting the standard for water users across the State, having reduced consumption by 12 per cent over the past five weeks.

Minister for Water, Property and Housing Melinda Pavey has thanked the Lower Hunter community for its efforts to save water, with the region recording a significant reduction in demand.

“NSW is experiencing the worst drought on record. Water restrictions are in force across the state, with the Lower Hunter having introduced water restrictions for the first time in 25 years five weeks ago,” Mrs Pavey said.

“This saving is equivalent to the average water use of approximately 38,000 households over the same period.

“It’s increasingly important we continue to work together to save water. If conditions remain very hot and dry over summer, Level 2 water restrictions may be necessary in early 2020.”

Hunter Water’s Executive Drought Lead Darren Cleary encouraged everyone in the Lower Hunter community to continue loving water by using four buckets less a day.

“It’s really pleasing to see our community actively playing their part to reduce their water use,” said Mr Cleary.

“I urge everyone to keep up the great work, particularly as we approach summer, because your efforts are making a difference. This saving demonstrates that it’s possible to conserve water by making small changes in our daily lives, such as fixing dripping taps and reducing showers to four minutes.

“Hunter Water also remains committed to prioritising leakage across the water network, and will continue to play its part in conserving water by investing heavily in this area.

For more information on Level 1 water restrictions or for water saving tips visit, www.hunterwater.com.au