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CUBBIE STATION VOLUNTARY WATER CONTRIBUTION UPDATE

28 February 2020 - The Balonne River system is currently experiencing a significant flow event following recent rains across the catchment. During the course of the flow the Queensland Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy declared a low-flow water event for the Lower Balonne.

Typically, when a low-flow water event is declared, the existing rules require water extraction volumes to be decreased by 10 per cent, for a five-day period, to increase environmental flows.

As part of a longstanding commitment to the overall health of the Culgoa River and Lower Balonne and as announced in August 2019, Cubbie Station will reduce its rate of water extraction during low-flow events by up to five times the required amount over the prescribed period up to 10GL. This is a 50 per cent reduction compared with the 10 per cent reduction required by the existing rules.

Cubbie Station is pleased to confirm that it has contributed 10GL to the Culgoa and Lower Balonne during the current flow event, in accordance with these arrangements.

Cubbie Agriculture CEO Paul Brimblecombe said: "The recent rains have generated the first significant river flows in the northern basin for some time. While flood waters have impacted some properties and led to short-term inaccessibility for some areas, the significant flows are overall a very positive event for the environment and communities following an extended dry period.

"We are pleased to be putting our Voluntary Water Contribution into action, following the first declaration of a low-flow water event since we announced this new initiative in August 2019.

"This is a significant flow event and we look forward to seeing the benefits to the critical environmental assets in this region and also further down as the flow tracks south over the coming weeks."

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