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Level 2 Water Restrictions

Dear Sam

Thank you for contacting the Minister for Water, Property and Housing, the Hon. Melinda Pavey, who has asked me to consider your request and respond to you directly.

The exemption granted to the Federation in 2004 has expired, however we recognise that the welfare of aviary birds during hot weather remains a concern and this was not addressed by the information provided on our website.

We have considered your request and I am pleased to advise that Sydney Water will allow aviculturists to use water to provide appropriate care. The exemptions related to the caring of animals have been updated and now allow the following.

You can:

- ✓ Provide drinking water for animals, including birds. If you use a hose, it must be fitted with a trigger nozzle.
- ✓ Clean or cool animals using a bucket and sponge, a hose with a trigger nozzle or a professional animal wash service
- ✓ Use a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, bucket or high-pressure cleaning equipment to clean pens, yards and cages.
- ✓ Cool animal enclosures (such as sheds and similar enclosures) to ensure animal welfare or meet legal requirements using:

Dedicated sprinklers used only for cooling between 6 am and 9 pm when the temperature inside the shed is higher than 30 C

Fogging systems, misting systems or cooling pads at any time

You can't:

- Leave hoses running unattended
- Use a hose without a trigger nozzle to fill water dishes, clean animals or clean pens
- Use sprinklers except as outlined above for cooling of sheds and similar enclosures

We trust these updated conditions meet the requirements outlined in your letter.

This is one of the most severe droughts on record, and if we all do our bit and save a little, together we'll make a big difference. . If you'd like more information about Level 2 restrictions, please visit sydneywater.com.au/restrictions.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ms Jodie Gray, Water Restrictions Manager at Sydney Water on (02) 9616 2465.

Yours sincerely



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