

Endothall treatment of submersed aquatic weeds

16 May – 14 August 2017

During this year's irrigation off-season we'll be conducting an aquatic weed treatment program to improve flow rates in our channel system.

In some parts of the irrigation system, submersed aquatic weeds such as Ribbonweed, blunt pondweed and Floating pondweed, can choke GMW's channels. The weeds affect water flow, promote silting and cause problems with the automated regulators which can reduce the ability to deliver water to customers.

Very few in-season options are available for the control of submersed aquatic weeds. This year, GMW will be using the herbicide, Endothall to treat aquatic weeds in the East Goulburn Main channel.

What will happen?

During the non-irrigation period from 16 May to 14 August the following will occur:

- Water will remain in the channel system until the end of the irrigation season (15 May).
- Endothall will be injected into the static water to treat the aquatic weeds (from the time of application there is a 21 day impoundment period which will end prior to the start of the next irrigation season).
- Water will be available for delivery from 15 August - the start of the next irrigation season.



What is Endothall?

Endothall is a herbicide proven to effectively treat aquatic weeds.

In diluted form, Endothall has a very low toxicity to humans and mammals.

Livestock should not ingest the channel water as traces of the chemical may register in their produce.

Horticulture and broad-acre crops must also not be sprayed with channel water during this time.

What you need to do

Before 16 May and until 14 August you will need to:

- Make alternative arrangements for winter Domestic and Stock water supplies as you cannot rely on water remaining in the irrigation channels over the winter period as it may contain traces of Endothall.
- Prevent stock from accessing the channel.

More Information

For more information about the treatment program, or if you have any concerns about your Domestic and Stock water supply, please visit your local Customer Service Centre or phone 1800 013 357.