

Low allocation water saving strategy matrix

	Water saving	Cost to implement	Time to implement	Drop in current seasons production	Long term drop in production	Long term canopy structure benefit	Important Comments
0-10% water	*****	*	*	*****	*****	*	Long term effects unknown. Weakened trees and tree death risk
30-40% water	***	*	*	*****	**	*	Successfully used in Bourke. Unmarketable crop
Light hedging	*	**	**	**	*	**	Minor water savings
Moderate hedging	**	**	**	***	*	***	Moderate water savings in early part of season
Heavy hedging	****	***	**	*****	*****	*****	Drastic measure with long term impacts
Half tree hedging	***	*****	*****	***	***	***	Medium approach, able to produce 50% of crop
Topping	**	**	**	**	**	*	Vigorous regrowth may need more topping in future
Skeletonising	****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	Drastic measure with long term impacts
Stumping	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	Drastic measure with long term impacts

***** = high *** = moderate * = low