



## Media Release

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### **COMMENCING WATER ALLOCATIONS FOR GROUNDWATER SOURCES IN THE LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE GROUNDWATER SOURCES**

*State Plan Priority E1: A secure and sustainable water supply for all users*

The Department of Water and Energy today announced water allocations for groundwater sources across the state for the start of the new water year on 1 July.

An available water determination for each category of access licences for the Water Sharing Plan for the Lower Murrumbidgee Shallow and Deep Groundwater sources has been made to manage and share the groundwater resources of the Basin in a sustainable and equitable manner.

Within the Lower Murrumbidgee Shallow Groundwater Source domestic and stock licence holders and Aboriginal cultural water users will receive 100 per cent of entitlement.

Within the Lower Murrumbidgee Deep Groundwater Source local water utility, domestic and stock and Aboriginal cultural heritage access licences will receive 100 per cent of entitlement.

The volume per unit share for aquifer access licences authorised to extract water from the shallow and deep groundwater sources will be 1 megalitre per share unit. Supplementary water access licence holders in the deep groundwater source will receive a 0.7 megalitre allocation per share unit.

Supplementary water access licence holders should note that supplementary water allocations in the Lower Murray Groundwater Sources may be taken at any time and at any rate during the current water year, subject to any restrictions announced by the Minister.

Additional information is available on the Department's website at [www.dwe.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dwe.nsw.gov.au). Alternatively, licence holders can phone their local DWE office for more information.

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