

# MEDIA RELEASE



## Murrumbidgee Irrigation

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### ROSTERED WATERING FOR MI CUSTOMERS

Last week's announcement by the NSW Office of Water of the first allocation for general security (GS) holders and the increase to full allocation for high security (HS) customers is welcome news. For Murrumbidgee Irrigation (MI) GS customers, this brings their total allocation available to 7%, including MI's company enhancement of 4%.

Despite the announced increases, the low GS allocations still require MI to undertake rostered watering events for stock and domestic customers as well as those eligible customers located outside of continuous supply zones. The second rostered watering will take place from Monday 19 October, finishing at the latest on Monday 26 October. Customers are encouraged to work together with neighbours regarding timing of water delivery requirements in their channel location so that water is not unnecessarily wasted in conveyance loss.

Orders must be placed no later than 4.00 pm Friday 16 October with Irrigation Services. For Leeton customers, orders are to be placed using the central water ordering phone service (6953 0161 / 0162 / 0165). Griffith orders are to be placed in person with Irrigation Services at the Research Station Road Business Centre or with your Division Operator. Customers must specify start and stop times and quantity of water required. Orders taken after 16 October are not guaranteed delivery.

MI staff will also be surveying large area customers serviced by the Main Canal, Sturt Canal and Wah Wah systems between 17 and 24 October to:

- Determine customers wishing to irrigate summer crops and confirm location of supply; and
- Confirm areas of winter crops irrigated this season.

The survey information will be used to evaluate commitments for planned summer crop programs and stock and domestic supply.

MI urges customers to take into account continued rostered supply arrangements when developing their water management plans for this season. The next delivery is proposed for mid December. Contact Irrigation Services in Leeton or Griffith for any further information required. Customers are also strongly encouraged to regularly check MI's website [www.mirrigation.com.au](http://www.mirrigation.com.au) as well as to join its Quick Contact List for text messages, email and fax communications to stay informed of changes to conditions and allocations.

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