



Small increases for Murray and Murrumbidgee General Security users

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, today announced that the general security water allocation in the Murray Valley would increase by 5 percent to 27 percent of entitlement, while in the Murrumbidgee Valley; the general security allocation would increase by 1 percent to 27 per cent of entitlement.

“Today’s increase in the Murray Valley is the result of floodwaters from the Darling River reaching the River Murray and inflows from the recent rainfall in the upper catchment,

“The small improvement in the Murrumbidgee Valley is the result of small inflows in the catchments and less than expected transmission losses,” he said.

Mr Harriss said that this would be the final allocation announcement for the Murray, Lower Darling and Murrumbidgee regulated rivers for this water year and reminded all licensed entitlement holders that all water trades would close on Monday 31 May, 2010.

Mr Harriss said that carryover rules will remain the same as for last water year; Murrumbidgee high and general security users may carryover up to 30 percent of entitlement, while NSW Murray Valley high security and general security users may carryover 100 percent of entitlement.

“Further details of water management in the Murrumbidgee, Murray and Lower Darling River Valleys will be available in Critical Water Planning communiqués that will be published on 15 April, 2010,” said Mr Harriss.

Regular updates on the passage of high flows through the Barwon-Darling River system from the central Queensland floods are also being published by the NSW Office of Water.

Both documents are available on the Office’s website at www.water.nsw.gov.au.

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