



Increases in high security allocations for Southern Basin irrigators

Rainfall and increased runoff during the past two weeks throughout the Murrumbidgee and Murray Valleys has enabled the NSW Office of Water to increase high security allocations for licensed entitlement holders in both valleys.

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, said continued rainfall throughout July has seen the levels in the major water storages in both valleys improve.

“In the Murrumbidgee Valley, the high security allocation has been increased from 30 per cent to 80 per cent of entitlement.”

“Stock and domestic and town water supply high security licensed entitlements have also increased 80 per cent of entitlement,” he said

“The improvement in available water has not been as great in the NSW Murray Valley with the high security allocation increasing from 10 per cent to 40 per cent of entitlement.”

Stock and domestic and town water supply allocations in the NSW Murray Valley remain unchanged at 50 per cent of entitlement.

The NSW Office of Water will continue to monitor river and stream flows closely and will provide detailed information on water availability and river management for the Murray and Murrumbidgee Valleys in the Critical Water Planning communiqués issued on the 15th of each month.

These communiqués and daily river flow information can be found on the Office of Water’s website at www.water.nsw.gov.au

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