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NO CHANGE FOR MURRUMBIDGEE VALLEY WATER USERS AND CLOSING DATES FOR TEMPORARY WATER TRADE

The NSW Department of Natural Resources today announced that allocations for general security water users in the Murrumbidgee Valley would remain at the reduced level of 10 %, and that any further increases in allocations after February this year could not be expected, and would be dependent on future inflows.

DNR's Executive Director Water Management, David Harriss, said the current dry conditions and record low inflows remain throughout the Valley.

"As a result there has been no increase in water availability to re-credit water that had previously been suspended in accounts of water users," he said.

Mr Harriss also reminded Murrumbidgee irrigators of the closing dates for temporary water transfers.

"In the Murrumbidgee Valley all applications to trade water to or from the Murray Valley or interstate water sources must be lodged with State Water no later than 5pm Wednesday 31 January, 2007," he said.

"All applications to trade water within the Murrumbidgee Valley must be lodged with State Water no later than 5pm Wednesday 28 February, 2007.

"In the event of the drought continuing at its current intensity, the priority in 2007-08 will be to ensure water supply for urban and domestic and stock purposes. Although the chances of improvements are high, if this worst case eventuates, water may not be able to be supplied at the time when it is required."