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Opening allocations for NSW Murray Valley and Lower Darling water users

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, today announced opening available water determinations for water users in the Murray and Lower Darling valleys for the new 2013/14 water year, commencing 1 July 2013.

“In the NSW Murray Valley, high security access licence holders will commence on 0.97 megalitre per unit share or 97 per cent of entitlement, while general security access licence holders will commence on 0.38 megalitre per unit share or 38 per cent of entitlement,” Mr Harriss said.

“As water is used and new inflows are captured, allocations are expected to increase.”

Mr Harriss said that in 2013/14, general security licence holders will also have access to water carried over from 2012/13, which is approximately 18 per cent of general security entitlements.

“This carryover, plus allocations in 2013/14, cannot exceed the account limit of 110 per cent of entitlement.”

“This means that water users will have access to on average 56 per cent of entitlement, including carryover and this allocation,” said Mr Harriss.

Local water utility, domestic and stock, town water supply, research, community and education water access licence holders in the NSW Murray will receive an allocation of 100 per cent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Supplementary water access licence holders will receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement. While regulated river (conveyance) access licence holders will receive an allocation of 0.6476 megalitres per unit share of entitlement.

“In the Lower Darling water source there is sufficient water to enable a high security and general security allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement,” said Mr Harriss.

Local water utility, domestic and stock, as well as supplementary water access licence holders will also receive an allocation of 100 per cent of entitlement or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Licence holders are reminded that they are only permitted to take supplementary water from this water source in accordance with announcements made by the Minister and the conditions of their access licence.

The next announcement relating to the Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Water Sources will be made on the 15th of each month via media release until full allocations are reached.

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