

Special Talking Water

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Murray Irrigation

Another year of high water deliveries forecast for 2013/14

The starting general security allocation announcement of 38 percent earlier this week indicates the prospect of another year of high deliveries. Murray Irrigation is anticipating further increases in water availability as inflows occur. This special *Talking Water* provides information about efficiency allocations.

The Board's monthly assessment of water available to the company in previous years has led to an early announcement of efficiency allocations. Murray Irrigation's efficiency allocations are company water made available to customers where that water is surplus to expected requirements to deliver customer water.

The Board's approach in 2012/13 was to allocate any surplus conveyance water to customers as a percentage of permanent delivery entitlements (excluding Class A town water) early in the season. This allocation represented 74GL in customers' water allocation accounts.

Last year Murray Irrigation delivered 1,263GL to customers resulting in Murray Irrigation using more conveyance than assumed when the efficiency allocations were made in July and August last year. This resulted in Murray Irrigation having a conveyance shortfall of 21GL at the end of the year.

To balance its conveyance budget this year, Murray Irrigation will recover the first 21GL of surplus conveyance before any efficiency allocations are made. We will continue to seek operational improvements to achieve efficiency savings that can be passed on to customers. However, efficiency allocations (if any) will be made later in the season when total on-farm delivery volumes can be forecast with greater accuracy.

Murray Irrigation will keep customers informed of any changes to this situation via the *Chairman's report*.

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