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Slight improvement for Murray and Murrumbidgee general security water allocations

Acting Deputy Director General Water, Michael Bullen, today announced an increase to the water allocation for general security water users in both the NSW Murray and Murrumbidgee valleys.

“The NSW Murray general security water allocation will increase by 3 percent to 20 percent of entitlement, while the Murrumbidgee general security allocation will increase by 4 percent to 30 percent of entitlement,” said Mr Bullen.

“Hume and Dartmouth storages are now at 73 percent and 94 percent of capacity respectively.”

“Hume Dam is now falling with early irrigation demand outstripping inflows, while Dartmouth is steady, holding 3,646 gegalitres.”

“On the Murrumbidgee River, Burrinjuck Dam is now 79 percent of capacity and rising, while Blowering is at 71 percent.”

Mr Bullen also reminded water users that the trade restriction across the Barmah Choke remained relaxed for the present, but that risk of channel capacity limitations was being reviewed monthly.

“Trade out of the Murrumbidgee Valley is at its limit and remains closed, as does trade to and from the Lower Darling because of limited resources in the Menindee Lakes system,” Mr Bullen said.

Additional information on Available Water Determinations can be found on the NSW Office of Water’s website at - www.water.nsw.gov.au

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