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## Small 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 users in both the NSW Murray and Murrumbidgee valleys.

The NSW Murray general security water allocation will increase by 8 percent to 28 percent of entitlement, while the Murrumbidgee general security allocation will increase by 4 percent to 34 percent of entitlement.

“Hume and Dartmouth storages are now at 74 percent and 95 percent of capacity respectively, while in the Murrumbidgee valley Burrinjuck Dam is now 84 percent of capacity and rising slightly, as is Blowering Dam now at 72 percent.”

Mr Bullen also reminded water users that the trade restriction across the Barmah Choke remained relaxed but 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.

Additional information on *Available Water Determinations* can be found on the NSW Office of Water’s website at - [www.water.nsw.gov.au](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au)

The following outlook has been updated with improved prospects for the allocations in the NSW Murray because of likely internal spills to NSW in the Murray valley storages.

### Ends

#### Chances of Improvement

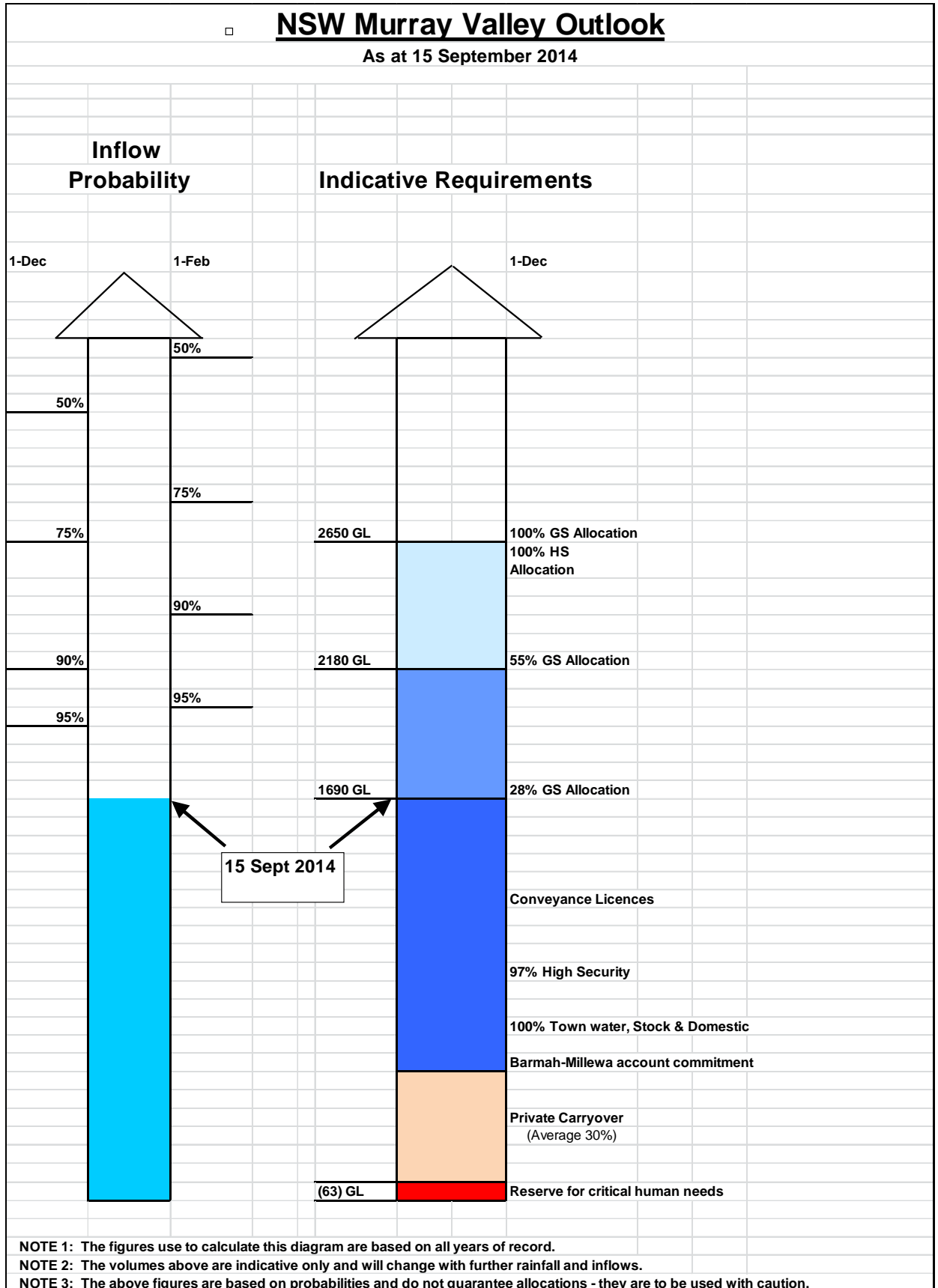
The chances of inflows being above historical minimums, and therefore the likelihood of improved allocations, are as follows:

Potential Inflow Conditions #	Forecast 1 December 2014 General Security Allocations		Forecast 1 February 2015 General Security Allocations	
	NSW Murray	Murrumbidgee	NSW Murray	Murrumbidgee
Worst case (current allocation)	28%	34%	28%	34%
9 chances in 10 (very dry) (90%)	55%	36%	66%	36%
3 chances in 4 (dry) (75%)	100%	41%	100%	41%
1 chance in 2 (average) (50%)	100%	50%	100%	51%

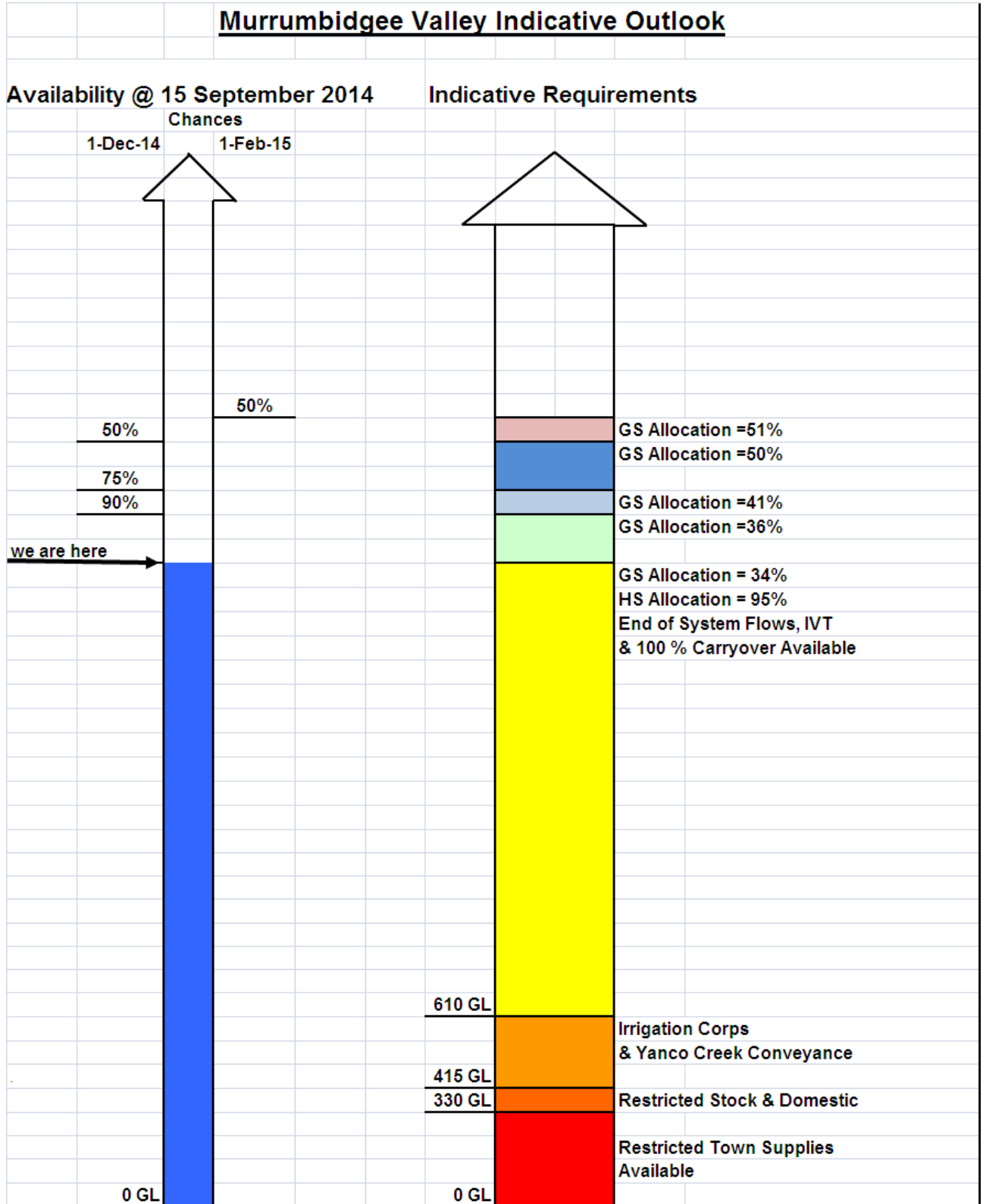
# Using all years of inflow records. \*\* Licence holders can add individual carryover to the relevant percentage

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