

Allocation announcement

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Murray Irrigation

The NSW Office of Water today announced a six percent increase in the general security announced allocation taking the announced allocation to 45 percent in the NSW Murray.

As a result of this increase Murray Irrigation's announced allocation is now 45 percent for general security (Class C) entitlement customers.

The Office of Water stated the NSW Murray increase came from better than anticipated inflows in the upper catchment including improvement in the Murray side of the Snowy Scheme.

The Office of Water also confirmed that trade out of the Murrumbidgee valley remains closed and that the trade restriction across the Barmah choke is now operating.

Allocation trade into the Murrumbidgee continues unaffected.

Trade to and from the Lower Darling remains closed due to storage levels in the Menindee Lakes.

The Office of Water provided the following chances of inflows being above historical minimums and therefore the likelihood of improved allocations:

Inflow conditions	Forecast 1 February 2015 NSW Murray General Security allocation	Forecast 1 April 2015 NSW Murray General Security allocation
Worst case	43%	43%
Current allocation	45%	45%
9 chances in 10 (very dry) (90%)	61%	68%
3 chances in 4 (75%)	68%	80%
1 chance in 2 (average) (50%)	100%	100%

A copy of the Office of Water announcement is available in the 'Water Resources Updates' section of the Murray Irrigation website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer McLeod".

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