

# Allocation announcement

Monday 1 December 2014



Murray Irrigation

## The NSW Office of Water today announced no increase in the general security announced allocation in the NSW Murray.

As a result Murray Irrigation's announced allocation remains at 45 percent for general security (Class C) entitlement customers.

Acting Deputy Director General Water, Michael Bullen responded to recent comments in the media about water allocations in the Murray and Murrumbidgee valleys as follows:

*Mr Bullen said that recent comments in the media that water allocations in these valleys (Murray and Murrumbidgee) would be reduced due to dry conditions was misleading and wrong.*

*"All water in accounts in both the NSW Murray and Murrumbidgee this water year is fully deliverable, meaning that there will be no reduction to the current announced allocation for this water year."*

Murray Irrigation welcomes this clarification and the statement by Minister Kevin Humphries on Friday 28 November on ABC radio<sup>1</sup>, responding to claims by a Water Broker, that allocations would not be cut.

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 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 next water allocation announcement and water availability outlook will be made by the Office of Water on Monday 15 December 2014.

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](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au).



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<sup>1</sup> To listen to the Minister's announcement, go to this link: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-11-28/nsw-mininster-says-water-allocations-not-cut-28-11-14/5925922>.