

Allocation announcement

Monday 15 December 2014



Murray Irrigation

The NSW Office of Water today announced a four percent increase in the general security announced allocation, taking the announced allocation to 49 percent in the NSW Murray.

As a result of this increase Murray Irrigation's announced allocation is now 49 percent for general security (Class C) entitlement customers.

The Office of Water stated the NSW Murray increase came from good rainfall this month in the upper parts of the Murray catchment, providing a small improvement to Murray resources.

Carryover water is at an average of 30 percent and is also fully available.

Hume and Dartmouth storages continue to fall as water deliveries continue. They now hold 63 percent and 86 percent of their full supply capacities respectively.

Trade arrangements in both Murray and Murrumbidgee valleys continue unchanged from last month, with trade out of the Murrumbidgee remaining closed until the Inter-Valley Trade account balance falls well below 100,000ML. In the Murrumbidgee, delivery of Inter-Valley Trade water continues through Balranald, thereby reducing the undelivered account balance. It has now reduced to 118,000ML.

Nett trades downstream across the Barmah choke closed on 28 October 2014, however due to the active market in recent months, there has now been sufficient water move upstream (from below to above the choke), meaning that there is now the **same capacity** to trade downstream (from above to below the choke).

The next water allocation announcement and water availability outlook will be made by the NSW Office of Water on Thursday 15 January 2015.

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.

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