

# Allocation announcement

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Murray Irrigation

## The NSW Office of Water today announced a two percent increase in the general security announced allocation taking the announced allocation to 61 percent in the NSW Murray.

As a result of this increase Murray Irrigation's announced allocation is now 61 percent for general security (Class C) entitlement customers.

The Office of Water stated the NSW Murray increase had mostly come from reduced river losses rather than improved inflows.

Trade into and out of the Murrumbidgee Valley remains open, with some capacity available for trade downstream across the Barmah choke by virtue of recent net trades upstream.

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

### NSW Office of Water outlook for NSW Murray 2015/16

Full allocations can be expected for all town water and domestic and stock access licences.

Full allocations for supplementary access licence holders, which is available subject to announced periods of supplementary flows.

At this early stage it is estimated that general security carryover will average around 15-25 percent of entitlement. Under very dry conditions or worse, 80 per cent of carryover will be deliverable on 1 July. The forecast will be updated in mid-May.

Starting allocations for high security in the NSW Murray is likely to be 97 percent and zero for general security.

Under the water sharing plan, the NSW share of the Barmah-Millewa Forest account water may be borrowed for allocations when the general security plus average carryover is less than 30 per cent.

Full conveyance allocation will not be available at 1 July under very dry or worse inflow conditions. However, up to 80 gigalitres can be made available at 1 July, and this will accrue with resource improvements to target (165 gigalitres) before allocations commence for general security entitlements.

### Chances of improvement

The chances of improved general security allocation based on different inflow conditions are:

Potential Inflow Conditions ##	1 July 2015	1 Sept 2015	1 Nov 2015
99 chances in 100 (drought) (99%)	0	0	1
9 chances in 10 (very dry) (90%)	0	4	16
3 chances in 4 (dry) (75%)	1	8	33
1 chance in 2 (average) (50%)	6	23	62
1 chance in 4 (wet) (25%)	8	42	100

# Assumes an average carryover of 25%

## Multi-history modelling using all years

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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