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### **Murrumbidgee general security allocation improves - but allocations in the NSW Murray unchanged**

DPI Water today announced a four per cent increase for general security water users in the Murrumbidgee regulated river water sources, while the NSW Murray general security allocation remains unchanged.

Some good rainfall in the upper parts of the Murrumbidgee catchment over the past month provided a small improvement to Murrumbidgee resources, enabling the allocation to increase to 12 per cent of entitlement.

While final carry-over water in Murrumbidgee Valley is being worked out, interim numbers indicate an average valley carry-over of 25 per cent, the NSW Murray Valley carry-over is 30 per cent. Carry-over water in both valleys is fully deliverable.

Storages are rising in the Murrumbidgee Valley, with Burrinjuck Dam 49 per cent full and Blowering Dam 33 per cent of capacity.

In the Murray, Hume and Dartmouth storages are currently 34 per cent and 72 per cent of their full supply capacities respectively.

The rainfall outlook to September shows an even chance of experiencing median rainfall conditions across most of inland NSW.

However, there is a likelihood of El-Nino conditions developing further in the coming months.

There is also no change to inter-valley trade arrangements, which are currently unrestricted for the Murrumbidgee Valley and closed for the Lower Darling.

Trade is available in the NSW Murray Valley; however, trade across the Barmah Choke is limited to no-net trade downstream.

The next water allocation announcement will be made by DPI Water on Monday 3 August 2015.

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

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