

Special Talking Water

Wednesday 25 November 2015



Murray Irrigation

Low allocation season operating conditions

Given the low water allocation and dry seasonal outlook, Murray Irrigation is looking to conserve water where possible while not significantly affecting the water delivery service we provide to our customers.

It is vital that in dry conditions we work together to ensure that our channels are operating efficiently.

Our Channel Attendants have endeavoured to speak with as many customers as possible to gauge their watering intentions for the remainder of this irrigation season. As a result of this feedback we will be looking to lower the operating level for some of our channels where there will be low/no demand for irrigation water for the rest of the 2015/16 irrigation season.

There will be a number of spur channels that are likely to require no irrigation water for the remainder of the season. These channels will be closed off. If stock and domestic water is required, Murray Irrigation will pulse water down these spurs to satisfy the demand. Customers should talk directly with their Channel Attendant in these circumstances.

For lateral channels where there is low demand, we will drop the operating level to approximately 150mm above sill level, which will give us the ability to service the channels if customer orders are received and allow us to control weed growth.

For channels that will be servicing summer cropping, rice and pasture, we will keep the channels at a height which will allow us to service our customers at an optimum level. However, advance notice of your intentions to irrigate would be greatly appreciated so we can ensure we can deliver the required flows.

If you have any questions, or would like to talk with a Water Distribution staff member, please contact one of our Network Controllers, via reception on T. 1300 138 265, or speak directly with your Channel Attendant.



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