

## Snowy Advance 2016/17

Murray Irrigation has opened applications for participation in its 2016/17 Snowy Advance project.

Snowy Hydro Limited has agreed to make up to 200GL water available as an advance to Murray Irrigation for the 2016/17 irrigation season, pending the required regulatory approvals.

### Key facts:

- The advance will be offered to Murray Irrigation shareholders and invited industry partners.
- Shareholders can apply for up to 25 percent of their Water or Delivery Entitlements. Additional volume can be accessed via an industry partner.
- Shareholders applying for an option volume against their Delivery Entitlements will be required to secure their repayment obligation by establishing a bank guarantee or a cash deposit in favour of Murray Irrigation.
- There is no minimum volume, however, priority will be given to shareholders applying for more than 50 megalitres.
- Murray Irrigation has negotiated an 'option price' of \$8 per megalitre and an 'exercise price' of \$39 per megalitre.
- By purchasing an option in May 2016, customers will have the right, but not the obligation, to exercise their option in August 2016.
- The exercised volume will be credited to customer allocation accounts on or about 17 August 2016.
- A condition of shareholders participating in the advance is that the exercised volume is used on-farm and is not to be traded.
- Payback of the exercised volume commences when the NSW Murray general security availability announcement exceeds 40 percent.
- Repayment in full may occur in the first year provided the annual allocation reaches 80 percent. If this level is not reached, repayments will recommence in the following and subsequent years once the availability announcement exceeds 40 percent, until the advanced water has been fully repaid to Murray Irrigation.

### How does this project differ to previous Snowy water schemes?

- There will be no roll-over fee or specific repayment date associated with this agreement.
- Murray Irrigation has developed a schedule for repayments with Snowy Hydro commencing when NSW Murray general security announced allocation reaches 40 percent.
- The option and exercise prices are much lower compared to previous projects.

### Non-participating customers:

- Irrigators who choose not to participate will not be affected in any way.
- There will be no impact to announced allocations for water users who do not participate.

For more information, refer to the *Snowy Advance 2016/17 Frequently Asked Questions* document, available on our website: [www.murrayirrigation.com.au/customers/snowy-advance/](http://www.murrayirrigation.com.au/customers/snowy-advance/).

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