

20 September 2016

Peel Valley

Water Allocation Update

Allocations

Peel regulated river general security allocation has **increased by 15 per cent, bringing the total allocation to 100 per cent of entitlement.**

Recent ongoing rainfall in the Peel catchment has boosted storage levels in Chaffey Dam, resulting in additional water available for distribution to licence holders.

A commensurate allocation **increase of 7 per cent, bringing the total allocation to 100 per cent of entitlement,** has also been made for Aquifer (general security) water licence holders in the Peel Alluvium water source.

	High Security	General Security	Aquifer (general security)
Peel	100%	100%	100%

Storage level (as at 19 September)

- Chaffey Dam is at 85 per cent full – rising - holding about 88,000 megalitres (ML).

Climatic outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) climate outlook for Spring indicates the chances of a wetter or drier spring are about equal. October is likely to be wetter in localised areas. Warmer spring days and nights are likely across western fringes and the eastern catchments have roughly equal chances of warmer or cooler spring days.

The current outlook reflects a weakening negative Indian Ocean Dipole and tropical Pacific Ocean temperatures potentially approaching La Niña thresholds.

Further information

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