

1 March 2019

## Murrumbidgee Valley


### Water allocation update

Allocations for the Murrumbidgee regulated river water source **remain unchanged**.

The allocation statements at this time of the water year are typically provided mid-monthly, however; given the water shortage conditions, this abbreviated statement will be issued at the start of each month to confirm conditions and keep water users updated.

This water year has seen exceptionally hot and dry conditions, producing just one fifth of the long term average inflows for this period. Conditions since the last assessment have remained mostly dry, with only minor natural inflows into storage. These inflows, together with some cooler temperatures that have reduced river losses, have produced a minor 10,000 megalitre (ML) resource improvement.

The resource assessment for the Murrumbidgee Valley projects through to the end of June 2020, some 16 months. This ensures that commitments to priority needs can continue to be met next water year before further general security water is allocated in this water year. It is likely that inflows between now and 1 July will ensure that high priority commitments can be met in 2019-20.

2018-19	High Security	General Security	Average Carryover	Drought Stage
Murrumbidgee	95%	7%	22%	 Stage 1

### Next announcement

The next allocation update for the Murrumbidgee regulated river valley will be issued on **Friday 15 March 2019**.

The comprehensive mid-month statements will continue to provide indicative future (1 July 2019) water availability conditions under a range of potential inflows scenarios, to assist water users in their business decisions as the new water year approaches. However, forecast conditions are 'best estimates' only and do not guarantee water availability. They should be used with caution, particularly when projecting many months ahead.