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Water allocations for the Lachlan Valley

The Office of Water today announced available water determinations for water users in the Lachlan Valley for the new 2015/16 water year, commencing on 1 July 2015.

Local water utility and domestic and stock access licence holders on the Lachlan regulated river will receive 100 per cent of allocation. Regulated river high security water access licence holders will receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement. The conveyance licence category will receive an allocation of 0.675 megalitres per unit share of entitlement.

For regulated river general security users operating under continuous accounting rules, there will be no available water determination made until significant new inflows have been received. These general security licence holders will still have access to an average of 30 per cent of entitlement, subject to the actual volume of carryover for each individual allocation account.

For the 2015/16 water year, the Annual Use Limit is 100 per cent. This means that licence holders can use water up to a maximum of 100 per cent of their entitlement, plus any adjustments for trade.

Storage levels at Wyangala Dam are currently at 36 per cent. The Office of Water will continue to closely monitor rainfall and river inflows to determine further regulated river allocations.

All licence holders in water sources covered by the Lachlan unregulated and alluvial water sharing plan will receive an allocation of 100 per cent of entitlement or 1 megalitre per unit share.

Domestic and stock, local water utility and aquifer access licence holders who access water from the Lower Lachlan groundwater source will receive an allocation of 100 per cent of entitlement or 1 megalitre per unit share.

Supplementary water access licence holders in the Lower Lachlan groundwater source will receive an allocation of 0.2 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Supplementary water access licence holders are reminded that the maximum amount of water they are permitted to take under their supplementary water access licence from this water source in a water year, is the allocation resulting from the available water determination(s) for that water year.

Full allocations of 100 per cent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement have also been made for water users covered by the Mandagery Creek water sharing plan.

Additional information on Available Water Determinations can be found on the Office of Water's website at - www.water.nsw.gov.au

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