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Water allocations for Central West water users

The Office of Water today announced available water determinations for water users in the Macquarie and Cudgegong regulated rivers and the Macquarie, Bogan and Castlereagh unregulated rivers and alluvial water sources for the new 2015/16 water year, commencing 1 July 2015.

Domestic and stock, local water utility and supplementary water access licence holders on the Macquarie and Cudgegong regulated rivers will receive an allocation of 100 per cent or 1 megalitre per unit share of their entitlement.

The allocation for regulated river high security access licence holders will be 1 megalitre per unit share of their entitlement. General security licence holders will not receive an allocation at this point in time.

General security licence holders will have access to account water that has been carried over from the previous water year under the water sharing plan rules. This represents an average of 5 per cent of entitlement, subject to the actual volume of carryover for each individual allocation account.

Supplementary water access licence holders in the Macquarie and Cudgegong regulated rivers are reminded that water may only be diverted in accordance with announcements during declared supplementary access events.

Storage level of Windamere Dam is currently at 43 per cent, while Burrendong Dam is at 14 per cent.

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

Domestic and stock, local water utility and aquifer access licence holders who draw water from the Lower Macquarie groundwater sources will receive an allocation of 100 per cent of their entitlement or 1 megalitre per unit share, while supplementary water access licence holders will not receive an allocation.

Water access licence holders covered by the water sharing plans for the Castlereagh River above Binnaway water source and the Castlereagh below Binnaway unregulated and alluvial water sources, will receive an allocation of 100 per cent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

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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