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Opening allocations for NSW Murray Valley and Lower Darling water users

DPI Water today announced opening water allocations for licenced water users in the NSW Murray and Lower Darling regulated and unregulated water sources for the new 2017/18 water year, commencing 1 July 2017.

NSW Murray regulated river high security licence holders will commence on 0.97 megalitres per unit share of entitlement, while general security licence holders will receive 0.11 megalitres per unit share.

General security licence holders in the NSW Murray will have full access to water carried over from 2016/17, which is approximately 42 per cent on average.

Carryover in general security accounts, plus the sum of allocations in 2017/18, cannot exceed the account limit of 110 per cent of entitlement.

Local water utility, domestic and stock and high security sub-categories (town water supply, research, and community and education) water access licence holders in the NSW Murray regulated river will receive an allocation of 100 per cent of entitlement.

Supplementary water access licence holders will receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement. While regulated river (conveyance) access licence holders will receive an allocation of 0.5427 megalitres per unit share of entitlement.

Stock and domestic and local water utility water access licence holders in the Lower Darling regulated water source will receive 100 per cent of entitlement.

High security and supplementary licence holders will receive 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement, while general security licence holders will also receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share.

Licence holders are reminded that they are only permitted to take supplementary water from these water sources in accordance with announcements made by the Minister and the conditions of their access licence.

Licence holders in the Murray unregulated and alluvial water sources will receive an allocation of 100 per cent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Domestic and stock, unregulated river and aquifer access licence holders within the area covered by the Lower Murray-Darling unregulated and alluvial water sharing plan will also receive an allocation of 100 per cent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

NSW Murray inter and intra valley trade will be in accordance with existing procedures and protocols, including no net trade downstream of the Barmah choke. The 2016/17 Murrumbidgee inter valley trade (IVT) account balance carries into the 2017/18 water year until this water is delivered to the Murray.

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Daily updates relating to the IVT account balance and opening or closing triggers are available through the WaterNSW website at - www.waternsw.com.au/customer-service/trading/murrumbidgee.

The next water allocation announcement will be made on 17 July 2017.

Information on available water determinations and water sharing plans is available on the DPI Water website - www.water.nsw.gov.au

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