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Water allocations for the Gwydir Valley

The NSW Department of Industry today announced the available water determinations for Gwydir Valley water users for the new 2018-19 water year, commencing 1 July 2018.

Local water utility and domestic and stock access licence holders on the Gwydir regulated river receive an allocation of 100 per cent of entitlement. High security access licence holders receive 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

General security access licence holders will not receive a new allocation at this time. Average account balance in the valley on 1 July is estimated to be about 22 per cent of entitlement; however, individuals will have made different decisions about the volume of unused water carrying forward depending on business circumstances.

The next water allocation announcement for the Gwydir regulated river will be made in early August 2018.

Supplementary water access licence holders on the Gwydir regulated river receive an allocation of 1.25 megalitres per unit share of entitlement. However, supplementary water access licence holders are reminded that water may only be diverted in accordance with announcements during declared supplementary access events.

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

Local water utility and domestic and stock licence holders, who access the Lower Gwydir groundwater source, receive an allocation of 100 per cent of entitlement, while aquifer access licence holders receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Full allocations of 100 per cent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement have also been made for water users accessing Rocky Creek, Cobbadah, Upper Horton and Lower Horton water sources, which are covered by the Gwydir unregulated and alluvial water sharing plan.

Additional information on available water determinations can be found on the NSW Department of Industry website at - www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water

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