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## Water allocations for Central West water users

The NSW Department of Industry 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 2018-19 water year, commencing 1 July 2018.

Domestic and stock and local water utility access licence holders on the Macquarie and Cudgegong regulated rivers receive an allocation of 100 per cent of their entitlement.

The allocation for regulated river high security access licence holders is 1 megalitre per unit share of their entitlement, while general security licence holders will not receive an allocation at this time.

General security licence holders will instead 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 51 per cent of entitlement across Macquarie and Cudgegong regulated rivers water sources, but not all entitlement holders will have unused water in their accounts to carry forward.

Supplementary water access licence holders in the Macquarie and Cudgegong regulated rivers receive 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement and 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 Macquarie Bogan unregulated and alluvial water sources water sharing plan, including aquifer (high security) access licences, 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 receive an allocation of 100 per cent of their entitlement or 1 megalitre per unit share.

Water access licence holders covered by the Castlereagh unregulated and alluvial water sharing plan 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 NSW Department of Industry website at - [www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water](http://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water)

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