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## Water allocations for the Gwydir Valley

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

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

General security access licence holders will not receive an allocation at this time. These licence holders have access to an average of 8 per cent of entitlement carried over from the previous water year, subject to the actual volume of carryover for each individual account.

Supplementary water access licence holders on the Gwydir regulated river will receive an allocation of 1 megalitre 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.

The storage level at Copeton Dam is currently at 18 per cent of capacity.

All 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, will receive an allocation of 100 per cent of entitlement, while aquifer access licence holders will receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Supplementary water access licence holders in the Lower Gwydir groundwater source will not receive an allocation.

Usage in the Lower Gwydir groundwater source will be monitored closely throughout the water year, given the average usage over the last three years. Users will be updated at key points during the 2015/16 water year on usage levels in this groundwater source and any implications for the 2016/17 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 water sharing plan for the Rocky Creek, Cobbadah, Upper Horton and Lower Horton water sources.

Additional information on Available Water Determinations can be found on the Office of Water's website at - [www.water.nsw.gov.au](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au)

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