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Murrumbidgee Valley

Water allocation interim update

The allocation to Murrumbidgee regulated river **general security licences has increased by 8%** and brings the total allocation this year to 66% of entitlement.

This follows an interim resource assessment after significant system inflows were observed in the past week. At this time of year it is important that resource improvements are promptly identified and allocated, hence this extra allocation statement.

Rainfall in early November increased resources in the regulated storages well beyond minimum inflows. The improvement has been brought forward and allocated to provide water users with as much flexibility as possible in their decision making as the main irrigation season ramps up.

There is currently a window of supplementary access moving through the Murrumbidgee Valley. Water users, particularly general security licence holders seeking to access uncontrolled flows, should consult with WaterNSW for access details, and submit their water orders accordingly.

2020-21	High Security	General Security	Average Carryover	Drought Stage
Murrumbidgee	95%	66%	18%	 Stage 1

Storage levels (as at 9 November 2020)

- Blowering Dam is 86% full – rising – holding 1,405,000 ML.
- Burrinjuck Dam is 95% full – rising – holding 980,000 ML.

Trade

The normal operating range for the Murrumbidgee IVT account is between 0 GL and 100 GL. Trade **out** of the Murrumbidgee Valley is **closed** (as of 9 November 2020) with the IVT balance at its upper limit. Trade **into** the Murrumbidgee Valley is **open**. Water users should check the WaterNSW website (www.waternsw.com.au) for daily information about the IVT account balance and the status of trade.

Next announcement

The **next announcement** is the scheduled mid-month statement, on **Monday 16 November 2020**, which will incorporate any further resource improvement and a comprehensive breakdown and distribution of resources.

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