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Opening water allocations for Central West users

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment 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 2019-20 water year, commencing 1 July 2019.

Domestic and stock and local water utility water access licence holders on the Macquarie and Cudgegong regulated rivers receive an allocation of 80 per cent of their entitlement.

The allocation for regulated river high security access licence holders is 0.7 megalitre per unit share and high security access licence sub categories will get 0.35 megalitre per unit share of their entitlement, while general security licence holders receive 0.0 megalitres per unit share.

Macquarie general security water access licence holders are not allowed to access water in their accounts carried over from the previous water year. The restriction will be eased or removed if inflow situation improves in the future. The temporary water restriction can be viewed at -

www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/allocations-availability/temporary-water-restrictions

Despite water allocation, the actual delivery of water will be contingent on river operation matters.

Supplementary water access licence holders in the Macquarie and Cudgegong regulated rivers receive 1.0 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, excluding aquifer (high security) access licences, receive an allocation of 100 per cent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Aquifer (high security) access license holders covered by the Macquarie Bogan unregulated and alluvial water sources water sharing plan receive an allocation of 0.82 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 Planning, Industry and Environment website at - **www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water**

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