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## Murrumbidgee Valley

### Water allocation update

This abbreviated statement updates water availability and confirms that **general security** allocations for Murrumbidgee regulated river water source **remain unchanged**.

The Murrumbidgee catchment did not receive significant rainfall in the latter half of March. Rain gauges recorded just 10 mm near the storages producing no material improvements to inflows beyond the assumed minimums.

The aim in allocating water is to ensure that all high priority commitments, including general security carryover, can be met at the start of each new water year (1 July) in accordance with the statutory water sharing plan, before allocations are increased in the current water year.

| 2019-20      | High Security | General Security | Average Carryover | Drought Stage   |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|---|
| Murrumbidgee | 95%           | 6%               | 8%                |  Stage 1 |

### Next announcement

The next mid-month comprehensive water allocation statement will be published on **Wednesday 15 April 2020**. It will include an updated indicative water availability outlook for next year (2020-21). While it is still early for certainty in the forecast, the reliability of the outlook will generally improve as the forecast period reduces.

The availability outlook for next year aims to help water users with their end of year water management decisions. Forecast conditions are best estimates only and not guaranteed water availability. They should be used with caution, particularly when projecting many months ahead.

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