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Opening water allocations for the Lachlan Valley users

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment today announced available water determinations for water users in the Lachlan Valley for the new 2019-20 water year, commencing on 1 July 2019.

Local water utility and domestic and stock access licence holders on the Lachlan regulated river receive 100 per cent of allocation.

Regulated river high security water access licence holders receive an allocation of 0.87 megalitre per unit share of entitlement, while regulated river general security access licence holders receive no allocation at this time.

General security water access licence holders are only allowed to access 57 per cent of the volume of water in their accounts carried over from 2018-19 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.

The conveyance licence category receives an allocation of 0.3886 megalitres per unit share of entitlement.

For the 2019-20 water year, the Annual Take Limit is 100 per cent. This means that licence holders can use water up to a maximum of 100 per cent of their entitlement, plus any adjustments for trade.

Domestic and stock, local water utility, unregulated and aquifer water licence holders in water sources covered by the Lachlan unregulated and alluvial water sharing plan receive an allocation of 100 per cent of entitlement or 1 megalitre per unit share. Aquifer high security access licence holder will receive 0.91 megalitre per unit share.

Domestic and stock and local water utility access licence holders who access water from the Lower Lachlan groundwater source receive an allocation of 100 per cent of entitlement. Aquifer access licence holders who access water from the Lower Lachlan groundwater source receive an allocation of 0.7 megalitre per unit share.

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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