

1 May 2019

Murrumbidgee Valley


Water allocation update

Water allocations in the Murrumbidgee regulated river water source **remain unchanged**.

The allocation statements at this time of the water year are typically provided mid-monthly; however, given the water shortage conditions, this abbreviated statement is being issued to confirm conditions and keep water users updated. The next comprehensive statement will be issued on Wednesday 15 May 2019.

Despite some rainfall in the last fortnight, there has been little run-off and no improvement in resource availability.

Despite the difficult conditions, Murrumbidgee river operators can continue to deliver water orders as usual, meaning the Stage 1 drought criticality remains unchanged.

2018-19	High Security	General Security	Average Carryover	Drought Stage
Murrumbidgee	95%	7%	22%	 Stage 1

Storage levels (as at 30 April 2019)

- Blowering Dam is 25 per cent full – falling – holding 430,000 ML.
- Burrinjuck Dam is 29 per cent full – steady – holding 308,000 ML.

Next announcement

The next allocation update for the Murrumbidgee regulated river valley will be issued on **Wednesday 15 May 2019**. It will be the final allocation update for the water year. It will provide the best estimates of expected opening (1 July) water availability and allocations, and the likelihood of improvement under different inflow scenarios.

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