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Opening allocations announced for Murrumbidgee regulated water users

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, today announced opening available water determinations for water users in the Regulated Murrumbidgee water source for the 2013/14 water year, commencing 1 July 2013.

Regulated River (high security) water licence holders will have a commencing allocation of 0.95 megalitre per unit share or 95 per cent of entitlement, while regulated general security licence holders will commence on 0.18 megalitre per unit share or 18 per cent of entitlement.

Domestic and stock, local water utility, town water supply, research, community and education and Aboriginal cultural water licence holders will receive an allocation of 100 per cent of entitlement.

Supplementary water access licence holders, including the supplementary (Lowbidgee) subcategory, will receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Supplementary licence holders are reminded that they are only permitted to take supplementary water from this water source in accordance with announcements made by the NSW Office of Water and the conditions of their access licence.

Mr Harriss said that all trade into and from the Murrumbidgee Valley would resume today.

Mr Harriss advised that with the current imbalance in the two storages, circumstances could develop whereby difficulties arise in delivering peak demands next summer.

“Should good inflows occur into Blowering and not Burrinjuck before next summer and allocation plus carryover increase to greater than 50 per cent, then it may be difficult to meet a large summer daily irrigation demand from Blowering Dam, given the channel constraints in the Tumut River,” Mr Harriss said.

Burrinjuck Dam is currently at 40 per cent of capacity, while Blowering is currently 69 per cent full.

The next announcement relating to the Murrumbidgee Regulated water source will be made on 15 August, and thereafter on the 15th of each month, or earlier if there is significant change in resource availability.

Additional information on Available Water Determinations can be found on the NSW Office of Water website – www.water.nsw.gov.au
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