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Supplementary Access advice in the NSW Murray Valley

Acting NSW Water Commissioner Colin McLean, today announced a revision to supplementary access for some sections of the NSW Murray River.

Mr McLean said that the Murray Darling Basin Authority has just revised its previous announcement made just prior to Christmas and is now advising of a return to regulated flows in the Murray from as early as 7 January 2012.

"The hot dry weather has caused a significant increase in demand and also increased losses, hence the need to bring forward the close of supplementary access as indicated in the following table.

The river sections and periods of access to supplementary water are as follows:

Section	Start 8:00am	Finish 8:00am
Murray River		
Hume Dam to Yarrawonga Weir		Not Available
Yarrawonga Weir to Barmah		Not Available
Barmah Bridge to Torrumbarry Weir	23 Dec 2011	7 Jan 2012
Torrumbarry Weir to Barham	23 Dec 2011	7 Jan 2012
Barham to Swan Hill	23 Dec 2011	7 Jan 2012
Swan Hill to Murrumbidgee Junction	23 Dec 2011	7 Jan 2012
Murrumbidgee Junction to Wentworth (Includes Darling	23 Dec 2011	7 Jan 2012
Weir Pool)		
Wentworth Weir to South Australian Border	23 Dec 2011	10 Jan 2012#
Darling River		
Darling River from Menindee Lakes to U/S of		
Wentworth (Ashvale, excludes Darling weir pool)	14 Dec 2011	21 Jan 2012#
Edward River		
Edward River offtake to Stevens Weir		
(Including Gulpa Creek)		Not Available
Stevens Weir to Wakool Junction		Not Available
Colligen / Neimur System		
Above Colligen Creek regulator (Including Wakool		
Canal)		Not Available
Colligen Creek regulator to Barham / Moulamein Rd		Not Available
Barham / Moulamein Rd to Mallan School		Not Available
Mallan School to Coonamit		Not Available

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Wakool / Yallakool System		
Wakool Offtake to Barham Moulamein Rd		Not Available
Barham / Moulamein Rd to Gee Gee Bridge		Not Available
Gee Gee Bridge to Coonamit Bridge		Not Available
Coonamit Bridge to Wakool Junction		Not Available
Yallakool Creek from offtake to Wakool confluence		Not Available
Merran Creek System		
Offtake regulators to Swan Hill / Moulamein Rd	23 Dec 2011	7 Jan 2012
Waddy Creek and Coobool System	23 Dec 2011	7 Jan 2012
Swan Hill / Moulamein Rd to Wakool Confluence	23 Dec 2011	7 Jan 2012

[#] Extension Possible

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