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All Macquarie – Cudgegong Regulated River high security and general security accounts reset to 100 percent of entitlement

NSW Water Commissioner David Harriss today announced that all accounts for high security and general security surface water licence holders in the regulated Macquarie and Cudgegong Rivers would be reset to 100 percent of entitlement.

“Heavy rainfall early in March had caused the levels in Burrendong Dam to rise as high as 130 percent of capacity,” said Mr Harriss

Levels have been gradually reduced during March under flood operations, and Burrendong is now at 110 percent of capacity.

Mr Harriss said that under the rules for the *Water Sharing Plan*, all high and general security allocations are reset to 100 percent at the end of the month when;

1. the volume of water in the dam rises above full storage level and into the flood mitigation zone,
2. water is spilled from carryover sub-accounts.

“This only affects general and high security licences, all other categories of entitlement are not affected.”

Mr Harriss said that this means the general security allocation moves from 49 percent to 100 percent of entitlement, while high security users remain on 100 percent of entitlement.”

“This is the second time in two years that Burrendong Dam has reached these surcharge levels, however prior to this, the last time it was full was in December 2000.

The high storage levels mean that water users in the Macquarie and Cudgegong valleys should have an excellent outlook for the next two years

The NSW Office of Water will continue to monitor conditions make further allocation announcements as appropriate.

Additional information on Available Water Determinations is available on the NSW Office of Water’s website at - www.water.nsw.gov.au

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