



1 July 2013

Water allocations for the Gwydir Valley

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, today announced the available water determinations for Gwydir Valley water users for the new 2013/2014 water year, commencing 1 July 2013.

Local water utility, domestic and stock access licence holders on the Gwydir regulated river will receive an allocation of 100 per cent of entitlement.

While regulated river (high security) access licence holders will receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Gwydir regulated river (general security) access licence holders, operating under continuous accounting rules, will not have an available water determination made at this time. Assessments of the available water are undertaken on a regular basis throughout the year. Increases in allocations to general security licences are made incrementally as water becomes available.

These regulated river (general security) access licence holders have access to water carried over from the previous water year of an average of 107 per cent of entitlement across the valley, subject to the actual volume of carryover for each individual allocation account.

The storage level at Copeton Dam is currently at 74 per cent.

The NSW Office of Water will continue to monitor rainfall and river inflows to determine when subsequent available water determinations can be made for general security licence holders as further water becomes available.

Supplementary water access licence holders on the Gwydir regulated river will receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Water access licence holders covered by the Gwydir unregulated and alluvial water sharing plan will receive an allocation of 100 per cent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Full allocations of 100 per cent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement have also been made for water users covered by the water sharing plan for the Rocky Creek, Cobbadah, Upper Horton and Lower Horton water sources.

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

ENDS

Media contact: Bunty Driver – 0407 403 234

Our news releases are on the web: www.water.nsw.gov.au Follow us on Twitter @OfficeofWater