



Media Release

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Indicative inflows to NSW from Queensland flooding

Recent heavy rainfall in southern Queensland and northern NSW has triggered large flows in southern Queensland and the Border Rivers and, to a lesser extent, the Gwydir and Namoi catchments in northern inland NSW.

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, said that while the bulk of rainfall fell along the east coast, some significant local falls were received inland.

“Many of the rivers near the NSW-Queensland border have been experiencing high flows this week which will pass into the Barwon-Darling River system.”

Mr Harriss said that the majority of inflow to NSW is expected to come from the Border Rivers including the Weir River, Moonie and Condamine-Balonne systems in Queensland, as well as from the Namoi and Gwydir catchments.

“Preliminary forecasts indicate that good flows will be reinstated through the Darling River to the Menindee Lakes, where dry conditions since last summer have resulted in low flows.”

“This is good news for water users in far western NSW who will be able to access water consistent with the rules of the *Barwon-Darling Water Sharing Plan*,” said Mr Harriss.

Mr Harriss said that it was likely that water levels will begin to rise in Brewarrina later this week and at Bourke early the following week.

The Office of Water will continue to monitor river flows that are expected to reach the Menindee Lakes storages in a couple of month’s time.

Current Water Levels & Flow forecasts* including the current major flood warning for Mungindi

Location	Current		Forecast (from BOM)	
	Height (m)	Flow (ML/d)	Height (m)	Flow (ML/d)
Boggabilla (Goondiwindi)	2.91	9,432	9.4	68,000 (on 30/01/13)
Mungindi	4.22	3,482	7.8*	~38,000 (near 6/02/13)*
Collarenebri (total)	1.89	779	7.2*	~80,000 (near 11/02/13)*
Walgett	3.36	1,632	12.0*	~80,000 (near 15/02/13)*
Brewarrina (total)	2.27	61	No forecasts yet	
Bourke	4.01	93		
Wilcannia	0.48	160		

River data (4 February 2013)

* Forecasts by Bureau of Meteorology [10:54am on 4th Feb 2013]

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