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Commencing water allocations for the Lower Lachlan groundwater source

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, today announced commencing water allocations for groundwater sources in the Lachlan Valley for the new 2012/2013 water year.

The new water year began on 1 July 2012.

An allocation has been made for each category of access licences for the water sharing plan for the Lower Lachlan groundwater source.

Local water utility and domestic and stock licence holders will receive 100 percent of entitlement.

Aquifer access licence holders receive a 1 megalitre allocation per unit share. Supplementary water access licence holders will receive a 0.5 megalitre allocation per unit share or 50 percent of entitlement.

Supplementary water access licence holders are reminded that the maximum amount of water they are permitted to take under their supplementary water access licence from this water source in a water year, is the allocation resulting from the available water determination(s) for that water year.

Supplementary water allocations in the Lower Lachlan groundwater source may only be taken at any time and at any rate, in accordance with the Supplementary Water Order made under section 70 of the *Water Management Act 2000*.

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

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