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Opening allocations for NSW Murray Valley and Lower Darling water users

Department of Primary Industries Acting Deputy Director General Water, Michael Bullen, today announced opening water allocations for licenced water users in the *NSW Murray and Lower Darling Regulated water Source* for the new 2014/15 water year, commencing 1 July 2014.

NSW Murray regulated river high security licence holders will commence on 97 percent of entitlement, while general security licence holders will commence on 6 percent of entitlement.

General security licence holders in the NSW Murray will also have full access to water carried over from 2013/14, which is approximately 30 percent on average.

Carryover in general security accounts, plus the sum of allocations in 2014/15, cannot exceed the account limit of 110 percent of entitlement.

Local water utility, domestic and stock and high security sub-categories (town water supply, research, and community and education) water access licence holders in the NSW Murray regulated river will receive an allocation of 100 percent of entitlement.

Supplementary water access licence holders will receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement. While regulated river (conveyance) access licence holders will receive an allocation of 0.5242 megalitres per unit share of entitlement.

Users in the *Lower Darling regulated water source* will have full allocations, being 100 percent of entitlement for both high security and general security licence holders.

Licence holders in the *Murray Unregulated and Alluvial water sources* will receive an allocation of 100 percent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Domestic and stock, unregulated river and aquifer access licence holders within the area covered by the Lower Murray-Darling unregulated and alluvial water sharing plan will also receive an allocation of 100 percent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Licence holders are reminded that they are only permitted to take supplementary water from this water source in accordance with announcements made by the Minister and the conditions of their access licence.

Inter and intra valley trade in the **regulated NSW Murray** resumes today; however, trade to and from the **regulated Lower Darling** valley remains suspended while Menindee Lakes are low.

The next water allocation announcement will be made on 15 July 2014. These are available from the NSW Office of Water website - www.water.nsw.gov.au

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