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Water allocations for the Lachlan Valley

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

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

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

For regulated river general security users operating under continuous accounting rules, there will be no available water determination made until significant new inflows have been received. These general security licence holders will still have access to an average of 62 per cent of entitlement, subject to the actual volume of carryover for each individual allocation account.

For the 2013/14 water year, licence holders can access water in accounts up to 100 per cent of their entitlement, plus any adjustments for trade.

All general security accounts were reset in March 2012 to 136 per cent following the first spill of Wyangala Dam since December 2000. Account water that was spilled into B (or 'hold') sub-accounts can now be accessed and combined with the balance of the A (or 'take') sub-accounts, up to a total of 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

The conveyance licence category will receive an allocation of 0.9791 megalitres per unit share (approximately 98 per cent) of entitlement under recently agreed amendments designed to ensure compatibility with continuous accounting rules.

Storage levels at Wyangala Dam are currently at 65 per cent. The NSW Office of Water will continue to closely monitor rainfall and river inflows to determine when a subsequent allocation is available.

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

Full allocations of 100 per cent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement have also been made for water users covered by the Mandagery Creek water sharing plan.

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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