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Commencing water allocations for the Macquarie-Cudgegong Valley

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, today announced Available Water Determinations for surface water users in the Macquarie and Cudgegong Regulated Rivers for the new 2012/2013 water year.

The new water year began on 1 July 2012.

Local water utility, domestic and stock, supplementary and high security licence holders will all receive 100 per cent of allocation.

The initial allocation for general security access licence holders will be 28 per cent of entitlement. These licence holders will also have access to account water that has been carried over from the previous water year. This means that general security licence holders will have access to approximately an average of 128 per cent of entitlement, subject to the actual volume of carryover for each individual.

The current storage capacity at Burrendong Dam is at 102 per cent, with Windamere Dam currently at 58 per cent.

The NSW Office of Water will continue to closely monitor rainfall and river inflows and may make subsequent Available Water Determinations for general security access licence holders as further water becomes available.

Water access licence holders covered by the water sharing plans for the *Castlereagh River above Binnaway Water Source* and the *Castlereagh (below Binnaway) Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources* will receive full allocations.

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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