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Water allocations for the Gwydir Valley

Department of Primary Industries Acting Deputy Director General Water, Michael Bullen, today announced the available water determinations for Gwydir Valley water users for the new 2014/15 water year, commencing 1 July 2014.

Local water utility and domestic and stock access licence holders on the Gwydir regulated river will receive an allocation of 100 percent of entitlement. High security access licence holders will receive 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

There is insufficient water available to make an allocation to general security access licence holders. These licence holders have access to an average of 33 percent of entitlement carried over from the previous water year, subject to the actual volume of carryover for each individual.

Supplementary water access licence holders on the Gwydir regulated river will receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement. However, supplementary water access licence holders are reminded that water may only be diverted in accordance with announcements during declared supplementary access events.

The storage level at Copeton Dam is currently at 33 percent of capacity.

Domestic and stock, local water utility and unregulated river water access licence holders covered by the Gwydir unregulated and alluvial water sharing plan will receive an allocation of 100 percent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement, while aquifer access and aquifer (high security) access licence holders will also receive 1 megalitre per unit share.

Local water utility and domestic and stock licence holders who access the Lower Gwydir groundwater source, will receive an allocation of 100 percent of entitlement, while aquifer access licence holders will receive an allocation of 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement. Supplementary water access licence holders will receive an allocation of 0.143 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Supplementary water access licence holders in the lower groundwater source 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.

Full allocations of 100 percent or 1 megalitre per unit share of entitlement have also been made for water users covered by the water sharing plan for the Rocky Creek, Cobbadah, Upper Horton and Lower Horton water sources.

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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