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## Commencing water allocations for the Lower Macquarie groundwater sources

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, today announced commencing allocations for groundwater sources in the Macquarie 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 licence for the water sharing plan for the Lower Macquarie groundwater sources.

Local water utility and domestic and stock licence holders will receive a 100 percent allocation.

Aquifer access licence holders receive a 1 megalitre allocation per unit share. Supplementary water access licence holders will receive a 0.3 megalitre allocation per unit share or 30 per cent of their 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 Macquarie groundwater sources 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](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au)

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