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Commencing water allocations for the Great Artesian Basin

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, today announced commencing water allocations for the *Great Artesian Basin groundwater sources* for the new 2012/2013 water year.

This allocation is effective from 1 July 2012.

In the Surat, Warrego and Central water sources, local water utility and domestic and stock water licence holders will all receive their full entitlement. Aquifer access licences authorised to extract water from the Surat, Warrego and Central water sources will receive 1 megalitre per unit share.

In the Eastern Recharge groundwater source, the allocation for local water utility licence holders is 100 percent.

Aquifer access licences authorised to extract water from the Eastern Recharge groundwater source will receive 1 megalitre per unit share.

For the Southern Recharge groundwater source, local water utility licence holders will receive an allocation of 100 per cent.

Aquifer access licences authorised to extract water from the Southern Recharge groundwater source will receive 1 megalitre per unit share.

Water access licence holders covered by the *Great Artesian Basin shallow groundwater sources* water sharing plan will also receive 100 per cent of their entitlement.

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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