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Commencing water allocations for the Peel Valley

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, today announced commencing allocations for Peel Valley for water users for the new 2012/2013 water year.

The new water year began on 1 July 2012.

All local water utility, domestic and stock and high security access licence holders will receive their full entitlement.

General security access licence holders in the Peel regulated river will initially receive allocations of 0.78 megalitre per unit share or 78 percent of entitlement.

In the Peel alluvium, general security access licence holders will initially receive allocations of 0.89 megalitre per unit share or 89 percent of entitlement, with the possibility of an increase during the water year.

Chaffey Dam has remained steady at full capacity over the past twelve months, with the current storage level at 100 per cent.

All access licence holders on the unregulated Peel River will receive 100 percent or 1.0 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

Aquifer access licence holders in the *Peel Fractured Rock and Peel Alluvium Water Sources* will receive an allocation of 1.0 megalitre per unit share of entitlement.

The NSW Office of Water will continue to closely monitor the situation and may make subsequent Available Water Determinations as further water becomes available.

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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