



News release

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Rain brings small increase for Murrumbidgee users but Murray remains unchanged

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, today announced an increase of 1 percent to general security allocations in the Murrumbidgee Valley but advised that allocations in Murray Valley would remain unchanged.

Mr Harriss said that general security allocations in the Murrumbidgee Valley would increase to 15 per cent of entitlement; however Murray Valley general security allocations would remain unchanged, at 10 per cent of entitlement.

“There have been some very high falls across the southern basin during the past fortnight with some parts of the region experiencing some of the best falls they have had all year,” said Mr Harriss.

“However due to the very dry nature of the catchment, very little runoff has been generated.”

Mr Harriss said that general security allocations in the lower Darling would also remain unchanged at 25 per cent of entitlement.

A full assessment will be carried out mid month with details being available in the Critical Water Planning Communiqués available on 15 December.

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