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Increase in Class C (General Security) allocation of two percent

Murray Irrigation this morning announced an increase in Class C (General Security) allocation of two percent to 22 percent.

This improvement in water availability follows the announcement by the NSW Office of Water (NOW) earlier today.

The two percent increase has been attributed to improvement in water availability in the Murray catchment due to recent rainfall over New South Wales.

Water has also been reserved to meet the critical human needs for the NSW Murray Valley for 2010/11 and to maintain flows in the Wakool River system.

The current flooding from central Queensland will flow into the Darling River and ensure sufficient water for the delivery of critical human needs, carryover and high security in 2010/11 for the lower Darling River. These flows will also contribute to water availability in the Murray Valley.

Water has started flowing from Lake Pamamaroo into Lake Menindee today for the first time since 2002. This will make space in Lake Pamamaroo and Lake Wetherell for the incoming Darling flows so that the expected daily volumes during the flood peak, not expected until April, can be managed to minimise any potential unnecessary flooding on private property.

A copy of the NOW media release is available in the *Water Resource Updates* section of the Murray Irrigation website at www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

The table below is a summary of the water available to Murray Irrigation water entitlements holders:

Water Entitlement Class	Description	Allocation
Class A	Town Water Supply	97%
Class B	High Security Irrigation	97%
Class C	General Security	22%
Water efficiency distribution		6%
Carryover access		100%

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