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NSW Murray high security allocation announced

Good rainfall over the past week in many parts of the Murray and Snowy River catchments has enabled the NSW Office of Water to announce a starting allocation of 10 per cent of entitlement for high security licence holders in the NSW Murray Valley.

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss said that flows in tributaries, particularly in the upper Murray, had increased in response to the rainfall since 14 July.

“Conservative estimates of the increased water availability ahead of a more comprehensive assessment that will be undertaken next week, have enabled today’s interim increase in allocation,” said Mr Harriss.

“This announcement makes water immediately available to high security licence holders, including citrus and grape producers, as well as intensive industries such as feedlots, to help meet early season irrigation demand,” he said.

Mr Harriss continued, saying further improvements in water availability will be announced in the coming months if conditions permit via regular allocation updates, the next being on 2 August.

The NSW Office of Water is continuing to monitor river and stream flows closely and will provide detailed information on water availability and river management for the Murray and Murrumbidgee Valleys in the Critical Water Planning communiqués issued on the 15th of each month.

These communiqués and daily river flow information can be found on the Office of Water’s website at www.water.nsw.gov.au

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