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First General Security allocations for Murray and Murrumbidgee Valleys

NSW Water Commissioner David Harriss, today announced a commencing general security allocation of 9 per cent for Murrumbidgee water users and 8 per cent for NSW Murray users.

High security allocations in the NSW Murray Valley have also increased from 70 per cent to 97 percent of entitlement, including stock and domestic and town water supply licences.

Mr Harriss said that rainfall had been wide spread and on-going across both valleys with 50 to 100mm falling in the high country and up to 15mm on the slopes.

“Over the past two weeks Tumbarumba has recorded 99mm and Albury has received 25mm of rain, and water in storages in the Southern valleys has increased significantly.

“This continued rainfall on a wet catchment has generated additional inflow enabling today’s allocation increases and supporting access to supplementary water in both valleys.”

Mr Harriss said that the Office of Water was very mindful that general security irrigators were now making significant planning decisions in relation to their summer cropping programs.

The next allocation announcement for the NSW Murray and Murrumbidgee Valleys will be made on 15 September and detailed assessments will be available in the critical water planning communiqués to be also issued at that time.

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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