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MURRAY AND MURRUMBIDGEE HIGH SECURITY WATER ALLOCATIONS INCREASE

The NSW Department of Water and Energy today announced an increased water allocation for high security license holders in the Murray and Murrumbidgee valleys.

Murray Valley high security water licence holders can now access 50 per cent of their licensed water entitlement, an increase of 25 per cent, while Murrumbidgee Valley high security license holders can now access 75 per cent, an increase of 15 per cent.

“While the Murray and Murrumbidgee valleys are still in drought, there have been some moderate inflows in the Tumut Valley and the alpine regions in the Murray Valley in recent weeks,” said the Department’s Deputy Director-General, David Harriss.

“In addition to today’s increases to high security allocations, there is sufficient water available to provide water for stock and domestic needs within Murray Irrigation Limited’s area of operation and some private irrigation districts,” he said

In the Murrumbidgee Valley, there is enough water to provide a replenishment flow to stock and domestic license holders in Lowbidgee area.

While inflows are slightly better now that at the same time in 2006/07, water availability remains very low and the town water supply and stock and domestic water allocations will remain at 50 per cent of entitlement for both valleys.

More detailed information on water assessments in both the Murrumbidgee and Murray valleys is available in the Department’s critical water planning communiqués, which are released on the 15th of each month and available online at: www.dwe.nsw.gov.au.

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