



Water allocations for southern NSW remain unchanged

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, today advised there would be no change to water allocations in either the Murrumbidgee and Murray Lower Darling River Valleys.

“There has been very little rainfall across the southern basin since the beginning of November and with the extreme high temperatures, inflows have receded to very low levels,” said Mr Harriss.

Mr Harriss said that general security allocations in the Murrumbidgee would remain on 14 per cent of entitlement and that Murray Valley allocations would remain on 10 per cent of entitlement.

“There is also no change to allocations in the Lower Darling with general security allocations remaining on 25 per cent of entitlement.

“Flows in the Darling River upstream of Menindee have virtually ceased over the last month. Releases from the Menindee lakes will be maintained at minimum levels to ensure delivery of currently announced allocations,” Mr Harriss.

He continued, saying that while flows were low, town water supply to Broken Hills was secure for at least 21 months.

Ms Harriss reminded all water users that with a long hot summer ahead it was important to be as conservative as possible with all water use.

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