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Small increase for Murrumbidgee general security users

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss today announced an increase of 5 percent to the general security allocation in the Murrumbidgee valley.

This additional 5 percent is available immediately, bringing the total general security allocation for Murrumbidgee Regulated River licence holders this year to 52 percent of entitlement, with a further 5 percent assured after February 2014.

“This small increase is due to the effect of the rainfall that fell in the first week of December.

“The thunderstorms across the district have seen 25 millimetres of rain recorded at Burrinjuck dam this month.”

Mr Harriss said that while there has been little runoff due to the dry catchment conditions, the rainfall received reduced demand and overall losses, meaning that more water can be made available for consumption.

Currently Burrinjuck dam is 63 percent of capacity, while Blowering dam is at 88 percent of capacity.

The seasonal rainfall outlook for summer from the Bureau of Meteorology is for an even chance of receiving median rainfall in the three months to the end of February.

Seasonal Outlook for General Security Allocations*

	Potential General Security (excludes carryover)
Forecast Inflow Scenario	1 February 2014
Minimum inflows	52%
9 chances in 10 (very dry) (90%)	53%
3 chances in 4 (dry) (75%)	55%
1 chance in 2 (average) (50%)	62%

*Current allocations are 52%

*Allocations indicated will be increased by at least 5% after February 2014

More information about water allocation is available at www.water.nsw.gov.au

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