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Increase to the Murrumbidgee general security water allocation

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, announced today an increase of 4 percent to the Murrumbidgee general security allocation.

“Inflows from rainfall in the past few weeks, together with reduced demand, has seen a small improvement in water availability in the Murrumbidgee Valley,” said Mr Harriss.

“There is now sufficient water available to increase the general security allocation by 4 percent, taking it up to 63 percent of entitlement for this year.”

“The volume of water stored in Burrinjuck Dam has increased this month to 52 percent of capacity, while Blowering Dam is steady at 48 percent of capacity,” Mr Harriss said.

Mr Harriss reminded water users that the close of seasonal interstate trade from the Murrumbidgee has been extended to the end of April and that intra-valley and inter-valley Murrumbidgee trade will close at the end of May.

An update of the water availability outlook for 2014-15 for the Murray and Murrumbidgee valleys will be issued in mid-May.

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