

SUPPLEMENTARY WATER ACCESS FOR NSW MURRAY VALLEY IRRIGATORS, 2011 – 2012 SEASON

25 October 2011

The NSW Office of Water has announced today that access to a period of supplementary water access would be extended to NSW irrigators in the Murray Valley.

Under continuing dry conditions with variable rainfall forecast and increasing demands, current flows in the reached of the Murray upstream of Barham, and in the Edward River system, are expected to be fully regulated by the time they reach Lake Victoria in mid November, Therefore, unregulated flow will cease in the Murray River upstream of Barham, and in the Edward River, on the dates indicated.

Irrigators with a notified history of use supplementary access license are able to access supplementary water.

This announcement also means that general security licence holders can access 'uncontrolled flows' as the general security available water determination is less than 60% of entitlement.

Please note that normal water sharing plan rules apply as per the NSW Murray and Lower Darling Water sharing plan from 1 July 2011.

The total diversion of uncontrolled flow carry over and general security water cannot exceed 110% of entitlement for the water year.

Customers wishing to access supplementary water must place a complying water order using one of the following options:

Accessing www.statewater.com.au and logging on to your iWAS account

Faxing your order to **1300 871 447**

Emailing your order to southorders@statewater.com.au

Telephoning your order to 1300 662 077 During business hours

Water order forms are available from the State Water web site www.statewater.com.au/water-order-application

At the completion of pumping supplementary water the finish reading must be notified by using one of the above four options. Failure to supply the finish reading will result in any water extracted being debited to general accounts.

Failure to provide this information will result in any water extracted being debited from ordinary accounts.

Customer Notice

The periods for access of supplementary water are as follows:

Section	Start 8:00am	Finish 8:00am
Murray River		
Hume Dam to Yarrawonga Weir		Not Available
Yarrawonga Weir to Barmah		Not Available
Barmah Bridge to Torrumbarry Weir		Not Available
Torrumbarry Weir to Barham		Not Available
Barham to Swan Hill	1 July	26 Oct
Swan Hill to Murrumbidgee Junction	1 July	26 Oct
Murrumbidgee Junction to Wentworth (Includes Darling Weir Pool)	1 July	28 Oct
Wentworth Weir to South Australian Border	1 July	4 Nov
Darling River		
Darling River from Menindee Lakes to U/S of Wentworth (Ashvale, excludes Darling weir pool)		Not Available
Edward River		
Edward River offtake to Stevens Weir (Including Gulpa Creek)		Not Available
Stevens Weir to Wakool Junction		Not Available
Colligen / Neimur System		
Above Colligen Creek regulator (Including Wakool Canal)		Not Available
Colligen Creek regulator to Barham / Moulamein Rd		Not Available
Barham / Moulamein Rd to Mallan School		Not Available
Mallan School to Coonamit		Not Available
Wakool / Yallakool System		
Wakool Offtake to Barham Moulamein Rd		Not Available
Barham / Moulamein Rd to Gee Gee Bridge		Not Available
Gee Gee Bridge to Coonamit Bridge		Not Available
Coonamit Bridge to Wakool Junction		Not Available
Yallakool Creek from offtake to Wakool confluence		Not Available
Merran Creek System		
Offtake regulators to Swan Hill / Moulamein Rd	1 July	26 Oct
Waddy Creek and Coobool System	1 July	26 Oct
Swan Hill / Moulamein Rd to Wakool Confluence	1 July	26 Oct

Extension Possible

* Extension Likely

Further advice will be provided if conditions change.

Customers requiring further information on river flows may contact the Duty Operations Officer on 03 5898 3925.

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