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## Increase for high security irrigators in the Murrumbidgee Valley

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High security licence holders within the Murrumbidgee Regulated Water Sharing Plan area were today advised of an increase in available water determination (AWD) from 60 per cent to 75 per cent of entitlement.

The AWD for Stock and Domestic licence holders has also increased from 50 per cent to 100 per cent of entitlement and town water supplies has been increased to 70 per cent.

These improvements are due in part to additional water from the Snowy Mountains Scheme which can now be delivered into the Murrumbidgee, and in part to inflows into Burrinjuck Dam which have receded more slowly than anticipated.

This increase triggers the end of monthly allocations of critical survival water for high security users, however there is currently still not enough water for an allocation to be made for general security users.

High security licence holders may carry over up to 15 per cent of their unused entitlement into the 2008/09 season.

Recent rain in the region is still well below average. All water users need to remain conservative with water use and encouraged to remain on level 3a water restrictions.

Further information relating to the water availability in the Murrumbidgee Valley will be made on the 15th of each month via the Murrumbidgee Critical Water Communiqués. These communiqués are available from the Department's website [www.dnr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dnr.nsw.gov.au) via 'What's New' on the homepage.