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Department of Water & Energy

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 the available water determination (AWD) to 60 per cent.

Inflows into the Burrinjuck and Blowering dams over August were better than minimum forecasts and combined with above target contributions from Snowy Mountain dams have been credited to the 2007/08 resources, enabling the increase in allocations from 30 per cent to 60 per cent.

In the Murrumbidgee Valley there is sufficient water available to provide town water supply for the whole of 2007/08 and towns have been advised that they may ease water restrictions from Level 4 to level 3a, which allows some outside watering in the warmer months.

There is also enough water to meet the restricted needs of stock and domestic and critical industry for the full season.

Future 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 available online.