

SUPPLEMENTARY WATER ACCESS ANNOUNCED FOR MURRAY VALLEY IRRIGATORS

24 August 2010

State Water announced today that a period of supplementary water access would be made available to NSW irrigators in some sections of the Murray Valley.

Southern Valleys Water Delivery Manager Manager, Ned Hamilton said that supplementary access periods have been made available in accordance with unregulated flow advice from the Murray-Darling Basin Authority.

'Recent rainfall across the Murray Valley has resulted in significant improvements to tributary inflows to the River Murray system.

'This period of unregulated flow is due to a short lived event, coming mainly from the Goulburn River and meeting with elevated Murray River flows.

'As a result, a period of supplementary access for the lower reaches of the Murray Valley outlined in this notice has been approved by the NSW Office of Water.

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 <http://www.statewater.com.au/Documents/Customer%20Service%20library/Single%20licence%20water%20order%20form.pdf>)

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.

The periods for access of supplementary water are as follows:

Customer Notice

Section	Start 8:00am	Finish 8:00am
Murray River		
Hume Dam to Yarrawonga Weir	Not	Available
Yarrawonga Weir to Barmah	Not	Available
Barmah to Torrumbarry Weir	25 August	28 August#
Torrumbarry Weir to Murrumbidgee Junction (Includes Merran Creek system)	25 August	28 August *
Murrumbidgee Junction to Wentworth Weir	To be advised	
Wentworth Weir to South Australian Border	To be advised	
Edward River		
Edward River Offtake to Stevens Weir (Includes Gulpa Creek & Wakool Canal)	Not	Available
Stevens Weir to Wakool Junction (Includes Wakool-Colligen System)	Not	Available

extension possible * Extensions likely

State Water will continue to monitor the situation closely and will provide regular updates as more information becomes available.

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

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