



Tuesday, 15 October 2013

No increase to Murrumbidgee general security allocation

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, said today that there would be no change to the Murrumbidgee valley general security allocation which would remain on 43 percent of entitlement (48 percent after February 2014).

There is an average of 18 percent carryover in the Murrumbidgee which is also fully available and deliverable now.

“Warm, dry and windy conditions and increased irrigation demand has seen the volumes of water in Burrinjuck dam, that peaked at 68 percent of capacity, now start to decline,” he said.

“Blowering dam is currently at 91 percent of capacity with water being released at near maximum rates to contribute to meet downstream demand.”

Mr Harriss reminded users that Burrinjuck dam is reliant on rainfall to fill, where as Blowering also benefits from releases from Snowy Hydro Limited.

“This imbalance is being managed where possible, to maximise water available in the lead up to rice planting.”

Trade into the Murrumbidgee valley is still not allowed as it would only exacerbate the current delivery constraints.

Mr Harriss said that the Office of Water has provided more detailed information about how water is allocated in Murrumbidgee and how the dam imbalance is affecting allocation and trade, in updated information paper released on 27 September.

Determining Water Allocations in the Murrumbidgee can be found at www.water.nsw.gov.au/Water-management/Water-availability.

More information about water allocation is available at www.water.nsw.gov.au

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Seasonal Outlook for General Security Allocations*

Forecast Inflow Scenario	Potential General Security plus Carryover*	
	1 December 2013	1 February 2014
9 chances in 10 (very dry) (90%)	67%	69%
3 chances in 4 (dry) (75%)	69%	72%
1 chance in 2 (average) (50%)	72%	75%

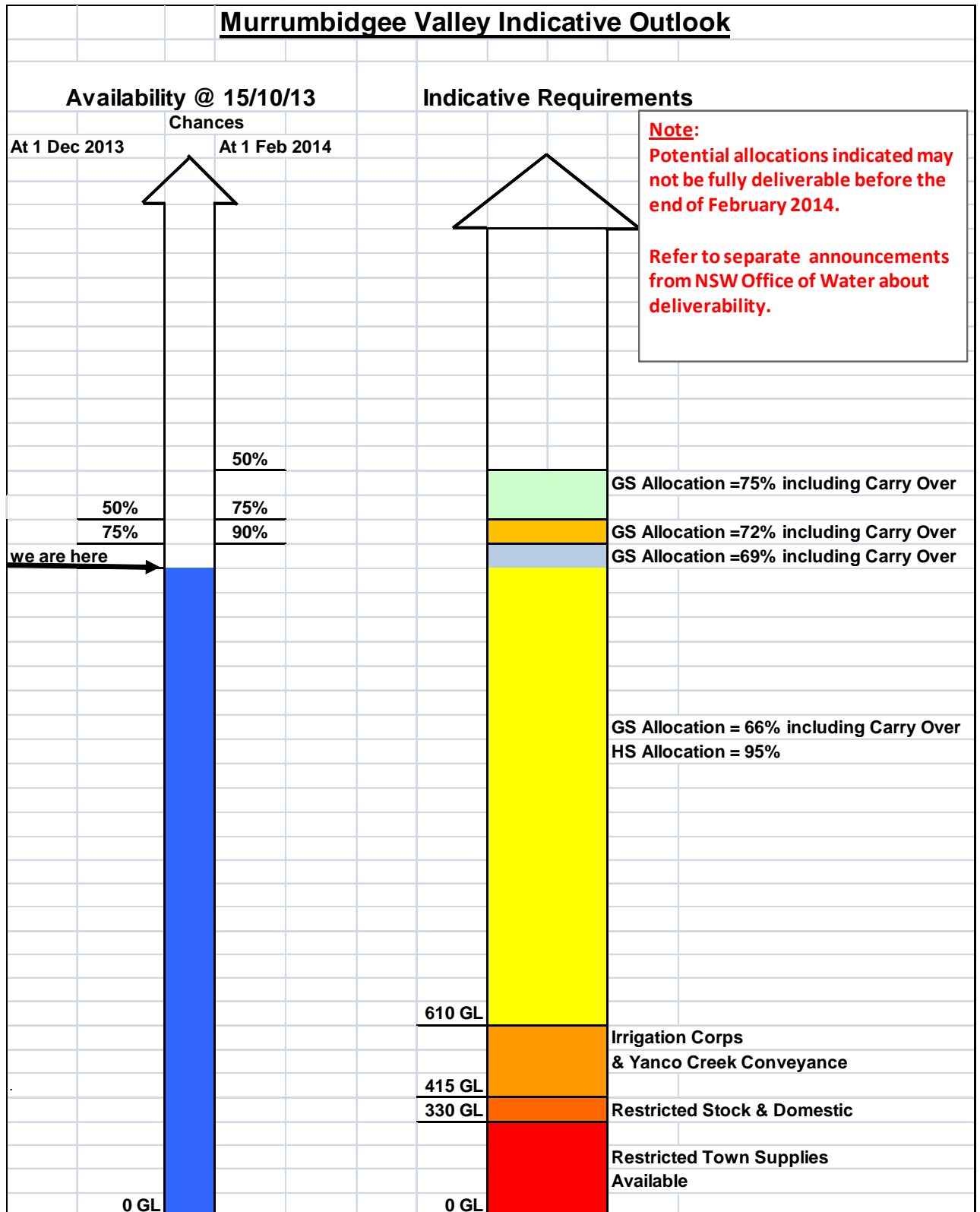
*Potential allocations indicated may not be fully deliverable before the end of February 2014.

Refer to separate announcements from NSW Office of Water about deliverability.

** Current (October 2013) allocation plus carryover 66%

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