



# River Murray water allocations continue to rise in 2020-21

This year's minimum allocation for South Australian River Murray irrigators has risen to 77 per cent in the latest [Water Allocation Statement](#) issued by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW).

DEW's Acting River Murray Water Delivery Manager Adrienne Rumbelow said the increased allocation is based on the latest advice from the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA).

"Under the *minimum* water availability scenario issued by the MDBA this week, South Australia will now receive 1,340 gigalitres (GL), an improvement of 145 GL from the last assessment," Ms Rumbelow said.

"Rainfall across key catchment areas continues to see conditions improving across the Basin leading to further increases in water availability for South Australian irrigators.

"It's now looking likely that allocations will reach 100 per cent by October.

"We anticipate that winter will see continued improvements to inflows and storage levels. Given the high likelihood of further allocation improvements, water users are reminded that there is a 100 percent limit on their combined allocations and carryover against entitlement.

"DEW will continue to evaluate advice received from the MDBA. Revised statements will be issued twice a month while irrigation allocations remain below 100 per cent."

For more information about water allocations visit the [Department for Environment and Water's website](#).

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