



The Peak body for five landholder associations and 1600 irrigators in the Murray Valley

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## Media Release

### **2% allocation announcement will boost morale in the region.**

Southern Riverina Irrigators welcome today's announcement of 2% general security and 95% high security allocation from the NSW Department of Water and Energy. This of course translates to a 1% allocation for Murray Irrigation shareholders.

"Whilst the 2% general security water allocation announcement is a boost to our region and will be greatly appreciated by dairy farmers and many stock and domestic users, unfortunately for the majority of our farmers, it is too small to initiate a summer watering program." SRI Deputy Chairman, Tim McKindlay, said today.

"After two years of zero allocation the announcement will provide some encouragement for the region going forward. Details included in the announcement stated that there will be no further increase this year in high security water and prior to a further increase in general security water, consideration will be made for the provision of sufficient conveyance water to ensure delivery, and reserving adequate water for critical human needs in 2009/10." Mr McKindlay concluded.

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