New South Wales

Available Water Determination Order for the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2026 [No. 3]

under the

Water Management Act 2000

I, Shahadat Chowdhury, having delegated authority, in pursuance of section 59 (1)(a) of the *Water Management Act 2000*, make the following Order.

Dated this 1st day of September 2026

Shahadat Chowdhury
Manager, Water Allocations
NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water - Water Group
(by delegation)

Explanatory notes

(1) This Order is made under section 59(1)(a) of the *Water Management Act 2000.* The object of this Order is to make an available water determination for various categories of access licences in the water source identified in Schedule 1.

(2) This Order is made having regard to section 9(1) of the *Water Management Act 2000*, the water management principles in section 5(2) and water sharing principles in section 5(3). The relevant water sharing plans for the water sources in Schedule 1 give effect to those principles and provide the framework for this determination.

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1 Name of Order

This Order is the *Available Water Determination Order for the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2026 [No. 3]*

2 Commencement

This Order commences on the 1st day of September 2026.

3 Available water determination

This Order determines the availability of water in relation to the water sources specified in Schedule 1, for the categories and subcategories of access licence specified in Schedule 2, on the terms specified in Schedule 2.

4 References to percentage and ML/unit share

In this Order:

(a) in relation to licences with share components specified as megalitres per year (ML/year), a reference to megalitres per unit of share component (if any) is taken to be a reference to a percentage of the share component, where 1 ML per unit of share component is taken to equal 100% of the share component, and

(b) in relation to licences with share components specified as a number of unit shares, a reference to a percentage of the share component (if any) is taken to be a reference to megalitres per unit of share component, where 100% of the share component is taken to equal 1 ML per unit of share component.

Note: Water sharing plans generally require available water determinations to be expressed as:
(a) a percentage of the share component for access licences where share components are specified as ML/year, or
(b) megalitres per unit of share component for access licences where share components are specified as a number of unit shares.

Schedule 1 Water Sources

This Order applies to the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source as identified in clause 4 of the Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2016.

Schedule 2 Access licences and terms

Each amount specified in Column 2 applies to the adjacent category/subcategory of access licence specified in Column 1.

	COLUMN 1 **Category of access licence**	**COLUMN 2** **Percentage of share component, or megalitres (ML) per unit of share component**
1.	Regulated river (general security)	0.07 ML/unit share
2.	Regulated river (conveyance)	0.07 ML/unit share
3.	Murrumbidgee irrigation (conveyance)	0.0474 ML/unit share
4.	Coleambally irrigation (conveyance)	0.0 ML/unit share

Note:

(1) An available water determination made in relation to a particular category of access licence applies to all subcategories of that category, except to the extent to which this order provides otherwise, in accordance with section 59(1A) of the *Water Management Act 2000*.

(2) This available water determination is in addition to any water allocation credited in accordance with any available water determination made in relation to the water source specified in Schedule 1, for a category or subcategory of access licence specified in Schedule 2, during this water year commencing 1 July 2026.