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NSW Murray Regulated River Water Source

Supplementary water allocation increased by 20%

Supplementary access	2026–27 allocation	Usage
NSW Murray	120%	17% (44 GL)

Key information

- Recent rainfall across the lower Murray has led to supplementary event since July 2026, providing additional water access for eligible water users in the NSW Murray system.
- The Minister determined this one-off allocation increment to support farmers facing ongoing economic pressures and challenging seasonal conditions. The Available Water Determination Order was issued on 15 September 2026. Please refer to the department website.
- The increase could make up to 50 gigalitres of extra water available, utilising uncontrolled flows currently moving through the river system that cannot be captured and stored for later use.
- The additional access will remain within the sustainable diversion limits of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, ensuring environmental protections are maintained while providing support to farming communities.
- Unregulated flow conditions are continuing, allowing uncontrolled flow and supplementary access events at several sections along the Murray River. The latest supplementary access information is available from the WaterInsights website.

Next statement

This is a non routine allocation statement. The next routine water allocation statement for this water source will be published on **Thursday, 1 October 2026 at 2:30 pm.**

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