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RIVER MURRAY IRRIGATION ALLOCATIONS REMAIN AT 48%

Minister for the River Murray Karlene Maywald said today irrigation allocations are to remain at 48% due to low inflows across the Murray-Darling Basin.

Minister Maywald says there simply hasn't been sufficient improvement across the Murray Darling Basin since the previous update on 15 December to increase irrigation allocations at this time.

"Hot and dry conditions in November have continued across the catchment in December," Minister Maywald says.

"Due to these conditions since the previous assessment, there hasn't been sufficient overall improvement to enable an increase in water availability."

Allocation updates will continue to be issued on the 1st and 15th of each month, or the first business day following that date if it falls on a weekend.

For more information about conditions in the River Murray or wider Murray-Darling Basin visit www.dwlbc.sa.gov.au/murray/drought/