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Commencing allocations announced for the NSW Murray Darling Porous Rock and Fractured Rock groundwater sources.

NSW Water Commissioner David Harriss today announced the commencing allocations for the Murray Darling Porous Rock groundwater source and the Murray Darling Fractured Rock groundwater source.

Mr Harriss said that the *Water Sharing Plans* for both of these groundwater sources came into effect today and cover porous rock and fractured rock groundwater aquifers within the NSW part of the Murray-Darling Basin not already covered by other groundwater plans.

“All aquifer access licence holders and local water utility licence holders within the Murray Darling Porous Rock groundwater source will receive 1 megalitre per unit share or 100 percent of entitlement,” he said.

“Likewise the allocation for aquifer access licence holders, local water utility licence holders and holders of salinity and water table management access licences, within the Murray Darling Basin Fractured Rock groundwater source, would receive 1 megalitre per unit share or 100 percent of entitlement,” he said

Mr Harriss reminded all water users that taking water without an appropriate licence was an offence and that heavy penalties applied and if water users were any doubt, they should contact their local Office of Water.

Additional information about the *Water Sharing Plans* for the NSW Murray Darling Porous Rock and Fractured Rock groundwater sources and water allocations is available on the NSW Office of Water’s website at www.water.nsw.gov.au

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