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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% following low inflows and hot conditions during early and mid-November.

Minister Maywald says while some rainfall was recorded across much of the upper Murray catchment in mid to late November, inflows were low due to the very dry conditions within the catchment.

“Under the latest assessment by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, which estimates inflows as at 25 November, there was a 20 GL improvement for South Australia,” she says.

“This 20 GL of water has been secured for critical human water needs in 2010-11.

“River Murray storages remain low. The current volume in Hume, Dartmouth, Menindee Lakes and Lake Victoria is 2,814 GL or 30% of capacity.”

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/