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CARRY-OVER WATER AVAILABLE FOR 2008-09

Minister for the River Murray Karlene Maywald says South Australian irrigators will be able to carry-over all of their allocations not used in 2007-08 into the 2008-09 water year.

“Licensed water users will be able to carry forward all of their unused restricted water allocation at June 30, 2008, for use next water year, which will assist them to better manage the limited water available,” Minister Maywald said.

“While the provision of carry-over depends on climate conditions and the ability to deliver it from interstate storages to South Australia, the government is confident carry-over can be supplied, although an absolute guarantee cannot be given.

“Water carried over into 2008-09 will be tradeable in South Australia and interstate. Previously, carry-over water could only be traded in South Australia.”

Carry-over water application forms must be lodged with the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation between March 1 and 31, inclusive. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applications must nominate the expected volume of water that will be unused at June 30, 2008. This will determine the total volume of water to be held in upstream storages for delivery in 2008-09.

“Irrigators are encouraged to carefully consider the volume of water that is likely to be unused for 2007-08 because the volume applied for cannot be changed after March 31,” Minister Maywald said.

“Applicants for carry-over will be advised in writing of their carry-over allocation in early July 2008, after the final meter reading for 2007-08.”

The following purposes of water use are excluded from accessing carry-over water during 2008-09:

- Urban water supply – metropolitan Adelaide.
- Water taken for stock or domestic purposes.
- Industrial purposes.
- Environmental or wetland management purposes.

For further information about carry-over contact DWLBC on 8595 2053 or visit

<http://www.dwlbc.sa.gov.au/murray/drought/index.html>