

# Irrigators to benefit as drought eases

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The easing of the drought is beginning to show for irrigators in the Murray and Murrumbidgee valleys.

The Office of Water says general security water allocations in the region are not far off.

Water commissioner David Harriss says there has been good run-off to dams across the state in contrast to the same time a year ago.

He says the south, which usually gets the most rain in spring, had already met almost all high security needs - something that did not occur until much later in the season last year.

"We have in the Murrumbidgee and it's a pretty high likelihood we'll get to 97 per cent of high security in the Murray within a few weeks," he said.

"That will mean that any further run-off we get and any increase in water availability goes into general security allocations."

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