

Drought over but irrigators wait on water allocation

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The entire south-west of New South Wales is officially out of drought for the first time in around a decade.

Long dry creeks are running again, dams are full and high security allocations on the Murray and Murrumbidgee systems are nearing 100 per cent.

The main irrigation storage dams are also filling.

Riverina ranger Peter O'Shannasy says the conditions are fantastic, but irrigators are anxious for news on general security water.

"Definitely everybody is. I mean, it's not far off, anyone who wants to grow rice this year they really do need to know what's happening shortly," he said.

"There's a lot of planning goes into any irrigation crop. [Knowing] what your allocation's going to be just makes that whole end of the business easier."

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