

IVT Increases and Holiday Period

16 December 2025

WaterNSW is advising customers that delivery of water from the Murrumbidgee Inter Valley Trade (IVT) account (to the Murray River) will continue at Balranald and Darlot into January.

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) has requested that WaterNSW deliver a further IVT volume of up to 40 GL over January. This is in addition to the previously requested 25 GL over December. The Murrumbidgee IVT account has a current balance of 91.7 GL. WaterNSW continue to target a daily clearance rate of 200-300 ML/day at Darlot and around 1,000 – 1,500 ML/day at Balranald until the end of January. The IVT is a volume delivered in excess of the end of system flow requirement as per the Water Sharing Plan, which for December is 254 ML/day and for January is 186 ML/day at Balranald and 50 ML/day at Darlot.

The IVT account will be adjusted based on the accumulated daily delivery volumes, and the account updated each business day as per the standard procedures. Allocation assignment (temporary trade) out of the Murrumbidgee Valley would reopen once the account reaches 85 GL. Please note The IVT account balance will not be updated during the business shut down period (5 pm 24th of December to 8am 5 January 2026), with the first IVT update commencing on Friday 9 January 2026 at 9am. The process for how the account is managed, including triggers for open and close of trade, can be found at WaterNSW [website](#).

The MDBA may call additional water for delivery throughout February however, no order has been received. WaterNSW will provide further advice to customers as information becomes available.

WaterNSW Water Planning and Delivery Team will continue working throughout the holiday period to ensure delivery of water to our customers. With warmer temperatures and higher irrigation demand this remains a busy period for our teams managing our assets and supporting water delivery to our customers.

As with previous years, WaterNSW are implementing an office shutdown period from close of business Wednesday 24 December, reopening on Monday 5 January. However, core business functions will remain to ensure delivery of water to customers. This includes the customer helpdesk which remains open for customers to contact on working days throughout this period. Please use the contact details below.

WaterNSW provide the latest operational information and announcements, which are made available on WaterNSW [Water Insights](#) portals. You are able to sign up to this service which allows you to set up and receive alerts when the latest updates are released.

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