

Lower Darling water boost set for 2008

A 100 per cent allocation for high security water users in the Lower Darling River for 2007-08 is a great New Year's gift, according to Member for Murray-Darling John Williams.

Heavy rain before Christmas led to last week's decision by acting Water Minister Nathan Rees to give full allocation to high security water users in the Lower Darling.

"Good flows are passing the length of the Barwon-Darling River system to the Menindee Lakes," Mr Williams said.

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leases into the Lower Darling River, downstream of the Menindee Lakes, will take place shortly meaning irriga-

tors and other high security water users would be entitled to their full water allocation.

"This is great news for those irrigators, many of whom are relying on their first full allocation in some time."

The good inflows and subsequent increases in allocation and releases will benefit the environment, irrigators, graziers and town water supplies and signals a positive start to 2008.

Releases into the Lower Darling River downstream of the Menindee Lakes will start today.