

The Water Allocation Rules have broken down !!

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The present Bulk Water Entitlement (rural water allocation system) for Northern Victoria evolved during the wettest time in recent history, when the inflows were at least 10 times greater than they are now.

The Murray Darling Basin has **lost 90% of its normal inflows** during recent years due to natural climate variation, man-made climate change and catchment changes. It is now **impossible to deliver 100% Water Allocation and retain water for the future droughts.**

During the last 4 years we have seen our reservoirs drained out, one by one, whilst trying to deliver 100% Water Allocation each year as **the primary requirement.**

The first to fail, 4 years ago, was Eppalock, then Cairn Curran and then Waranga also failed. The Murray system has now failed as well for the last two seasons.

When will the so-called experts face reality?

You cannot deliver 100% Water Allocation and retain any security of supply if you regularly receive less than 30% of the long term average inflows.

In 2005, Goulburn-Murray Water **granted all available water** to the Loddon System and saved no water for the 2006/07 season. The inflows since have not been able to supply the stock and domestic requirements for a complete season.

The Eildon-Waranga System **was granted 100% allocation in 2005/06** but could only deliver 39% in 2006/07. Then only 58% in 2007/08 ... saving zero for this season again.

Eppalock delivered 31% in 2004/05, then 0% for two years, then only 18% for 2007/08. Zero allocation again this season is the most likely outcome.

In 2006/07 **the same old broken down rules** were applied to The Murray system, giving 95% Water Allocation, for that season, not even storing any operational requirements for the next year. **They were blessed with the La Nina year last year but still only achieved 48%. Yet again conserving no water for the next drought year to come, most likely 2008/09.**

If the current developing El Nino cycle runs its normal course, there will only be minimal irrigation along the Murray System during 2008/09, most likely less the next year.

The Labor State Government has doggedly refused to review the failed bulk water entitlements in past years.

I am saddened and concerned to see that **no other political party has even promised to fix the fundamental problem either.**

We must save water for the next drought year when we will likely have **NO INFLOWS !!!!**

Otherwise rural people will die in increasing numbers due to depression, suicide and social breakdown.

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