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### **CARRY-OVER OPTION AVAILABLE AGAIN**

South Australian irrigators will be able to carry-over all of their allocations not used in 2009-10 into the 2010-11 water year.

Minister for the River Murray Karlene Maywald said today this includes water previously carried forward from 2008-09 that remains unused at June 30, 2010.

“This advance notice on the availability of carryover water should allow licensed River Murray water users an opportunity to continue to plan to better manage the limited water anticipated to be available in 2010-11,” Minister Maywald says.

“Licensed water users will be able to carry forward all of their unused water allocation as at 30 June 2010 for use next water year. Water carried over into 2010-11 will be tradeable within South Australia and interstate.

“The operational arrangements for carryover, including further information about quarantining water purchased specifically for carryover, access to quarantined water in certain circumstances and how and when irrigators can apply will be announced soon.

“The River Murray Advisory Committee of the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board and other stakeholders will assist Government in finalising these operational arrangements.

“When applying for carryover, irrigators will again have to nominate the expected volume of water that will be unused at June 30, 2010.

“Licence holders can purchase extra water during the remainder of 2009-10 to carryover for use in 2010-11. All water purchased specifically for carryover must be included in the initial carryover application and cannot be used during 2009-10, unless approval is first obtained.

“Determining the volume of carryover water early in 2010 will assist the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation to determine and secure the total volume of carryover water to be held in upstream storages for delivery in 2010-11.”

“As in previous years, an absolute guarantee cannot be given that all carryover will be delivered in 2010-11 because its provision depends on climatic conditions and the ability to deliver it from interstate storages to South Australia.”