



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **RELEASE FROM HUME RESERVOIR TO FALL BELOW NORMAL MINIMUM**

Murray-Darling Basin Commission (MDBC) Chief Executive Dr Wendy Craik AM advises that the release from Hume Reservoir and the flow in the Murray River at Doctors Point, (near Albury) will be reduced below their normal minimums to conserve water for the 2008-09 water year.

“Similar to last winter, the lower than normal minimum flow rates for the Hume release and for the Murray River at Doctors Point will apply from 7 May 2008,” Dr Craik said.

“The minimum release from Hume Reservoir will be reduced from 600 to 400 ML/day. It will only be increased above 400 ML/day if inflows from the Kiewa River are very low and the flow at Doctors Point is expected to fall below 800 ML/day (1.32 m gauge height) rather than the usual minimum of 1 200 ML/day (1.48 m gauge height)”.

The 400 ML/day release from Hume Reservoir equates to a level in the Murray River at Heywoods Bridge of about 1.05 m (gauge height). Currently it is 1.21 m (gauge height).

Boat operators, stock owners, river pumpers and other river users are advised to take these changed water levels into account and make any necessary adjustments to their activities.

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