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### **CARRY-OVER WATER TO BE AVAILABLE IN 2009-10**

Licensed River Murray irrigators will be able to carry-over water not used in 2008-09 for use in the 2009-10 water year.

Minister for the River Murray Karlene Maywald says that while the final details of the 2009-10 carry-over scheme are yet to be finalised, it is likely to be similar to the 2008-09 scheme.

“The carry-over scheme has assisted irrigators in the past two years, because it helps them to better manage the limited water available,” she said.

“For example, in 2007-08 more than 700 irrigators carried over 98.5 gigalitres of water for use this water year.

“I am currently working with the River Murray Advisory Committee of the SA Murray-Darling Basin NRM Board to finalise the final details of the scheme but this advance notice allows irrigators to continue planning for 2009-2010.

**“Further details about the 2009-10 carry-over scheme will be announced in my next River Murray allocation update, on December 15, 2008.”**