



31 January 2018

NSW Border Rivers Water allocation update

Allocations

NSW Border Rivers regulated river water source general security (B class) access licences have received an **increase in allocation of 3.79 per cent, bringing the total allocation for the 2017-18 water year to 19.62 per cent of entitlement.**

This increase in allocation is the result of minor inflows, and reduced drawdown in the Pindari storage during December.

NSW Border Rivers regulated river water source general security (A class) access licences, together with all other high priority licences received their maximum allocation for the 2017/18 water year on 1 July 2017.

	High Security	General Security A Class	General Security B Class
NSW Border Rivers	100%	100%	19.62%

Dam levels (31 January 2018)

- Pindari Dam is currently 66 per cent full – falling – holding 207 gigalitres (GL). This compares with 92 per cent at this time last year.
- Glenlyon Dam is currently 62 per cent full – falling – holding 156 GL. This compares with 66 per cent at this time last year.

Seasonal rainfall outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology's seasonal outlook for February to April indicates that the catchment is likely to experience wetter than average conditions in February before returning to average rainfall conditions in March. Average temperatures are likely across the region.

Weak La Niña conditions continue in the tropical Pacific Ocean. Models suggest this La Niña event will end by mid-autumn.

Further information

Conditions are being constantly monitored and any significant changes in water availability or outlook will be announced accordingly.

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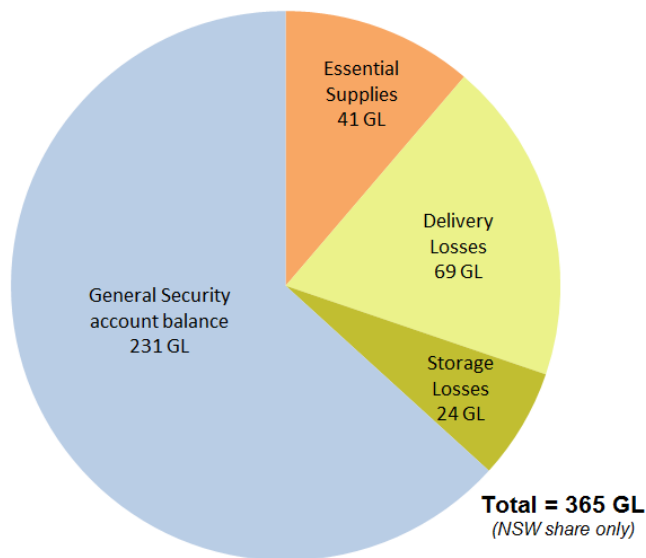
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NSW Border Rivers Resource Assessment

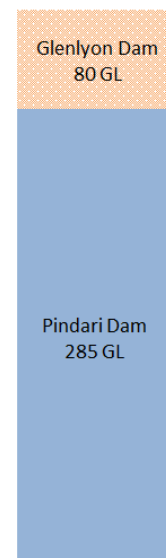
Distribution of NSW Resources (as at 1 January 2018)	
	Volume (GL)
Total available resource (NSW) ⁽¹⁾	365.42
Less	
Storage losses ⁽²⁾	23.85
Essential supplies ⁽³⁾	41.10
General security account balance (including new allocation) ^{(4),(6)}	231.12
General security delivery losses ⁽⁵⁾	69.35

*See notes below

Distribution of NSW Resources as at 1 January 2018 NSW Border Rivers



Supply Distribution⁽¹⁾



Notes:

- (1) Total available resource – NSW’s share of the water resources (Pindari Dam and Glenlyon Dam) at the time of the assessment. As a trial, the supply distribution of resources is being provided. This includes Pindari Dam and the NSW share of Glenlyon Dam, at the time of the assessment. In accordance with the *New South Wales - Queensland Border Rivers Intergovernmental Agreement 2008* NSW has access to 57% of available resources in Glenlyon Dam.
- (2) Storage loss – evaporation losses.
- (3) Essential supplies – water required to be set aside under water sharing plans to provide for Towns, Stock, Domestic, High Security and Environmental Water provisions.
- (4) General security account balance – includes the new allocation.
- (5) General security delivery losses – budgeted at 30 per cent of the volume of water allocated to general security licences.
- (6) Held environmental water (HEW) – as a trial, general security account water administered by environmental water holders has been identified as a component of General Security licences. In this case, of the 231 GL of General Security account balance, about 1 GL is held by environmental water holder/s and the remaining 230 GL by irrigators. This reporting of held environmental water is indicative only and prior to reconciliation of usage and net trade. These entitlements are held and/or managed either singly or jointly by various environmental holder groups, including the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH). Interested parties should refer to individual Agency websites for more detailed information on held environmental holdings.