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NSW Border Rivers Water allocation update

Allocations

NSW Border Rivers Regulated River Water Source general security (B class) access licences have received an **increased allocation of 34 per cent, bringing the current total allocation to 113 per cent of entitlement.**

In March more than half of south-east Queensland's dams including Pindari storage exceeded capacity as a result of the intense rainfall from ex-tropical cyclone Debbie. Rising storage levels along with reduced delivery and evaporation losses in recent months have allowed additional water to be made available for distribution to licence holders.

All other higher priority licences, including general security (A class), have already received their maximum allocations for the 2016-17 water year.

	High Security	General Security A Class	General Security B Class
NSW Border Rivers	100%	100%	113.5%

Dam levels

- Pindari Dam is currently 100 per cent full – steady – holding 312 gigalitres (GL). Storage levels rose to full capacity during the second half of March.
- Glenlyon Dam is currently 75 per cent full – steady – holding 191 GL.

Seasonal rainfall outlook

May is likely to be drier than average across most of Australia, according to the Bureau of Meteorology. The three-month rainfall forecast from May to July is likely to be below average across the southern part of Australia.

Day and night time temperatures for the period May to July are likely to be warmer than average across most parts of Australia.

The El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) remains neutral even though tropical Pacific Ocean waters have been warming since January. Despite this, most international climate models suggest that El Niño is likely to develop later this year. However, the Bureau instructs caution as models have lower accuracy at this time of year in forecasting El Niño.

Further information

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

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NSW Border Rivers Resource Assessment

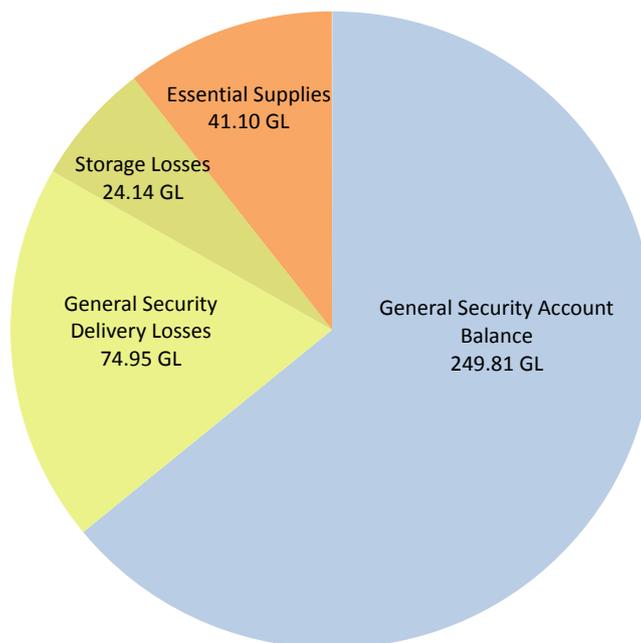
Distribution of NSW Resources (as at 1 April 2017) ⁽¹⁾	
	Volume (GL)
Total available resource (NSW)	390.00
Less	
Storage losses ⁽²⁾	24.14
Essential supplies ⁽³⁾	41.10
General security account balance (including new allocation) ⁽⁴⁾	249.81
General security delivery losses ⁽⁵⁾	74.95

*See notes below

Notes:

- (1) The available resource is NSW's share of the water resources (Pindari Dam and Glenlyon Dam) at the time of the assessment.
- (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) Includes new allocation volume of 58.72 GL for March 2017 plus water accrued since last announcement.
- (5) General security delivery losses are budgeted at 30 per cent of the volume of water allocated to general security licences.

Distribution of NSW Resources as at 1 April 2017 NSW Border Rivers



Total = 390 GL
(NSW share only)