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## NSW Border Rivers Regulated Rivers Water Source

### Water allocation update

There is sufficient resource available for the following allocations:

- **General Security (A Class)** allocation to **increase by 22%** resulting in a total allocation of 100% for the current water year.
- **General Security (B Class)** allocation to **increase by 47%** resulting in a total allocation of 47% for the current water year.

All higher priority licence categories received full allocations on 1 July 2020.

2020-21	High Security	General Security (A Class)	General Security (B Class)	Drought Stage
Border Rivers	100%	100.0%	47%	 Stage 1

The total inflow into Pindari Dam for this assessment period was approximately 114 gigalitres (GL) and approximately a further 87 GL for Glenlyon Dam.

### Storage levels (as at 7 May 2021)

- Pindari Dam is 49.5 per cent full – holding about 154,000 ML
- Glenlyon Dam is 51.4 per cent full – holding about 130,000 ML

### Key facts

- The system has now recovered from the effects of drought such that normal water ordering and river operations can occur.
- General Security (A Class) licences and General Security (B Class) licences have full access to available account water.
- Water demands for the towns of Ashford and Boggabilla are secure.
- Pindari has been releasing a steady 50 ML/day of primarily environmental water and the rate will increase aiming to deliver a small fresh directly below the dam over next two weeks.
- This assessment is based on NSW share of resources as of 1 April 2021. Any improvements since then will be distributed in next assessment.

## Seasonal Climate and Streamflow Outlooks

The Bureau of Meteorology's seasonal outlook for May to July indicates that rainfall is likely to be around or above average across the catchment. Daytime and overnight temperatures are likely to be warmer than average.

Details can be found in: <http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/ahead/outlooks/>

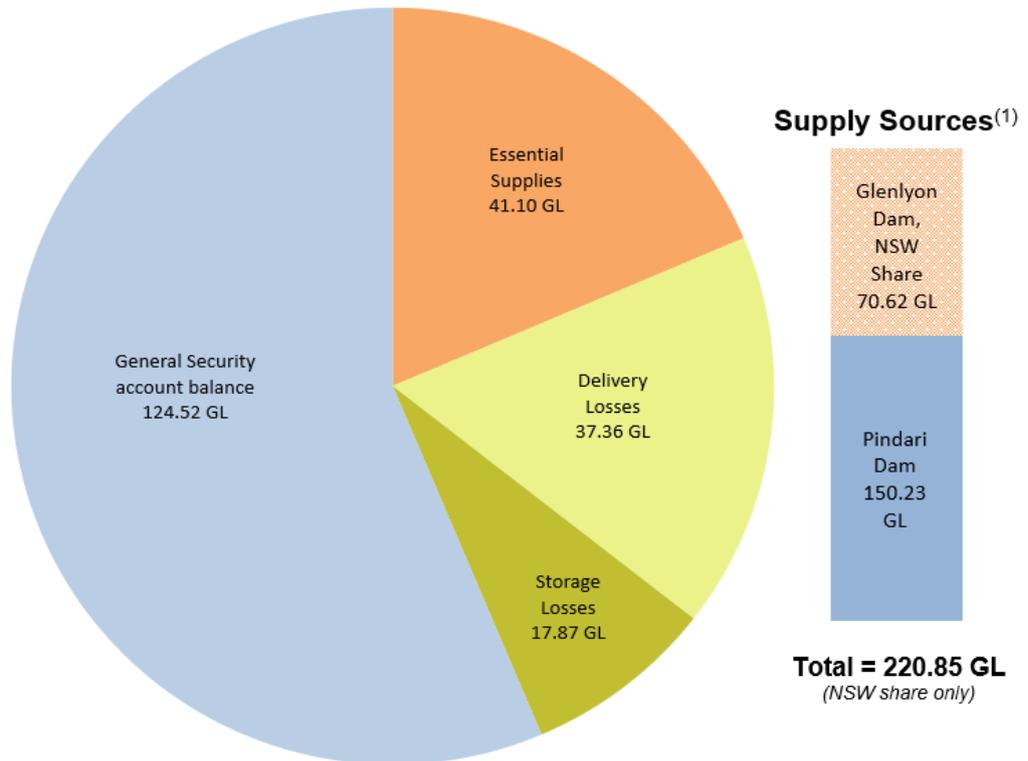
## NSW Border Rivers Resource Assessment

Distribution of NSW Resources (as at 1 April 2021)	Volume (GL)	Volume (GL)
Total available resource (NSW) <sup>(1)</sup>		220.85
<i>less</i>		
Storage losses <sup>(2)</sup>	17.87	
Essential supplies <sup>(3)</sup>	41.10	
General security account balance <sup>(4)</sup>	5.44	
General security delivery losses <sup>(5)</sup>	37.36	
<i>equals</i>		
Water available for allocation		119.08

### Notes:

- (1) 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 net inflows into Glenlyon Dam.
- (2) Storage evaporation loss is based on forecast storage depletion over the next 24 months.
- (3) Water required to be set aside under water sharing plans to provide for domestic, stock, towns, high security, replenishment, delivery loss and operational requirements. This commitment is assisted by the minimum forecast inflows to storage.
- (4) The general security account balance is inclusive of about 0.9 GL of held environmental water (HEW) administered by environmental water holder/s. The HEW volume is indicative only and prior to reconciliation of usage and net trade. These environmental entitlements are held and/or managed either singly or jointly by various environmental water holder groups including the NSW environmental water holder - Environment, Energy and Science (EES), and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH).
- (5) General security delivery losses – budgeted at 30 per cent of remaining general security account water.

## Distribution of NSW Resources as at 1 April 2021



### Further information

The next Border Rivers water allocation statement will be included in the state-wide opening water allocation statement due on 1 July 2021.

Information on available water determinations and water sharing plans is available on the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website - [www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water](http://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water)

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