

15 August 2017

NSW Border Rivers Water allocation update

Allocations

Despite very dry conditions, NSW Border Rivers regulated river water source general security (B class) access licences have received an **increase in allocation of 3.1 per cent, bringing the total for the 2017/18 water year to 11.1 per cent of entitlement.**

The increase is the result of account reconciliation during July, which yielded a small volume affected by account limits that could be re-distributed.

NSW Border Rivers regulated river water source general security (A class) access licences, as well as 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%	11.1%

Dam levels (15 August 2017)

- Pindari Dam is currently 100 per cent full – steady - holding 312 gigalitres (GL). This compares with 44.6 per cent at this time last year.
- Glenlyon Dam is currently 74 per cent full – steady – holding 189 GL. This compares with 26 per cent at this time last year.

Seasonal rainfall outlook

According to the Bureau of Meteorology, the Border River valley is likely to experience near average rainfall from August to October, with warmer than average temperatures.

Both of Australia's major climate drivers at this time of year, the El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) and the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), continue to remain neutral.

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

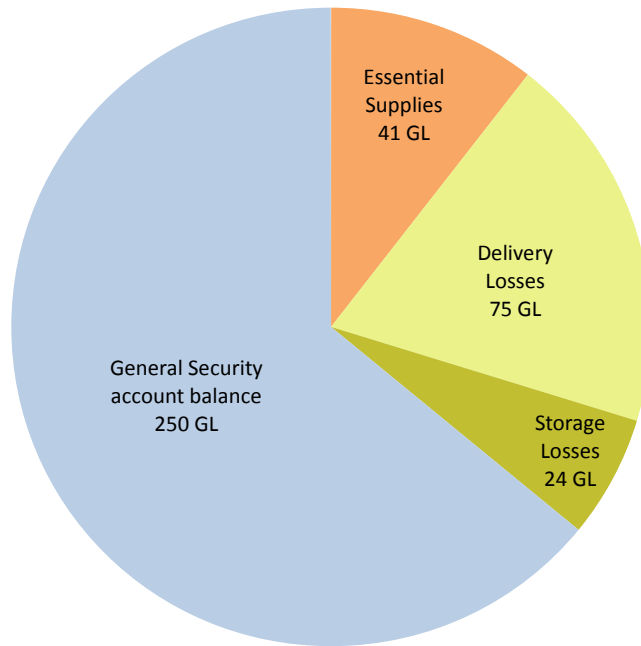
Distribution of NSW Resources (as at 1 August) ⁽¹⁾	
	Volume (GL)
Total available resource (NSW)	390.25
Less	
Storage losses ⁽²⁾	24.14
Essential supplies ⁽³⁾	41.10
General security account balance (including new allocation) ^{(4),(6)}	250.00
General security delivery losses ⁽⁵⁾	75.01

*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 of 5.6 GL.
- (5) General security delivery losses are 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 250 GL of General Security account balance, 1 GL is held by environmental water holder/s and the remaining 249 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.

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



Total = 390 GL
(NSW share only)