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Lachlan Regulated River Water Source


Interim water allocation update

Following recent rains, Wyangala Dam has gained over 260,000 megalitres (ML) so far in August, with more inflows expected from further rainfall and river recessions. Wet conditions in recent weeks have also boosted flows in downstream tributaries, supporting the delivery of system commitments whilst allowing resources to build in the upper storage.

This interim statement is to provide a preliminary estimate of what can be expected in the next **scheduled announcement on 8 September 2020** and to help water users to plan ahead.

There is estimated be enough resource improvement to allow an allocation of **up to 9%** to all **general security** licence holders. This will be their first allocation in three years.

The allocation can be achieved without reducing water supply security for high priority commitments going forward. The drought stage was eased to Stage 2 (recovering) last week.

2020-21	High Security	General Security	Drought Stage
Lachlan Regulated River Water Source	100%	0%	 Stage 2

Storage levels (as at 20 August 2020)

- Wyangala Dam is about 44.1% full – rising – currently holding about 537,000 ML.
- Lake Cargelligo is about 84% – currently holding about 31,000 ML and falling.
- Lake Brewster is holding about 85,000 ML at 56% and rising.

Next announcement

The next detailed water allocation statement will be issued on **Tuesday 8 September 2020**.

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