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NSW Border Rivers Regulated Rivers Water Source

Water allocation update

There is **no increase in allocations to general security (B class)** entitlement holders in the NSW Border Rivers from this latest resource assessment. However, all high priority licence categories and the general security (A class) licence category received full allocations this water year.

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

Resource outlook for 2021-22

- Water for all critical consumptive and non-consumptive needs, including local **water utilities**, environmental and basic landholder rights, are secure for the 2021-22 water year.
- High priority licence holders including **domestic and stock, local water utilities**, and **high security** water access licenses can expect full (100%) allocations on 1 July.
- **General security (A class)** can expect at least 0.30 megalitre (ML)/share (30% allocation).
- **General security (B class)** allocation will begin to accrue once A class has reached 100%.
- Water held in general security (A and B class) accounts is accrued on a continuous basis and will be **carried forward** in full for use in 2021-22, up to the maximum account limit which is 1.0 ML/share (100% of entitlement).
- **Supplementary** water users are likely to receive a reduced allocation of 0.75 ML/share next water year (75% allocation) on 1 July for the 2021-22 water year. This results from the implementation of growth in use requirements under the water sharing plan. Supplementary access licence holders are reminded that use of this water is only available during periods of announced supplementary access.

Details about the growth in use identified and required management strategy can be found at: www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/allocations-availability/allocations/how-water-is-allocated/faqs

Storage levels (as at 7 June 2021)

- Pindari Dam is 49.2% full – holding about 153,000 ML
- Glenlyon Dam is 53.9% full – holding about 136,000 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.
- Inflows up to 200 ML/d into Pindari will be passed during winter months as per the transparency flow rules under the water sharing plan.
- The translucent payback release from Pindari Dam has been completed.

Seasonal climate outlooks

The Bureau of Meteorology's seasonal outlook for winter indicates that rainfall is likely to be above average across the catchment in coming months. Both daytime and overnight temperatures are also likely to be above average for winter.

Details can be found at: www.bom.gov.au/climate/ahead/outlooks/

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. Border Rivers statements will then be provided regularly through 2021-22 to keep water users informed of water availability conditions.

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

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