

9 February 2018

Bega-Brogo Valley

Water allocation update

Allocations

Bega-Brogo regulated river general security allocation has **increased by 5 per cent, bringing the total allocation for the 2017/18 water year to 75 per cent of entitlement**. The increase is due to Brogo Dam receiving 70 mm of rainfall during January, which increased storage levels to near capacity.

All other categories of licence in the regulated river valley have already received their maximum allocation for the 2017/18 water year.

	High Security	General Security
Bega-Brogo valley	100%	75%

Dam levels (as at 8 February)

Brogo Dam is 95 per cent full – steady - holding approximately 8,550 megalitres (ML). This time last year the storage was 75 per cent full.

Key facts

Consumptive demand this year has been relatively low, due to frequent coastal rainfall.

Seasonal rainfall outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology's three month seasonal outlook for February to April shows likely wetter than median rainfall in the valley. Minimum temperatures are likely to be average and maximum temperatures are likely to be cooler than average over this period in the valley.

Weak LA NIÑA conditions in the tropical Pacific are continuing. However, the Bureau's models suggest that the current LA NIÑA event will cease by mid-autumn. LA NIÑA events tend to break down around this time of the year, which reduces the influence on rainfall.

Further information

The next allocation announcement for the Bega-Brogo regulated river water source will be issued in April 2018, unless a significant change in resource availability is identified beforehand.

Information on Available Water Determinations and water sharing plans is available on the website at www.water.nsw.gov.au

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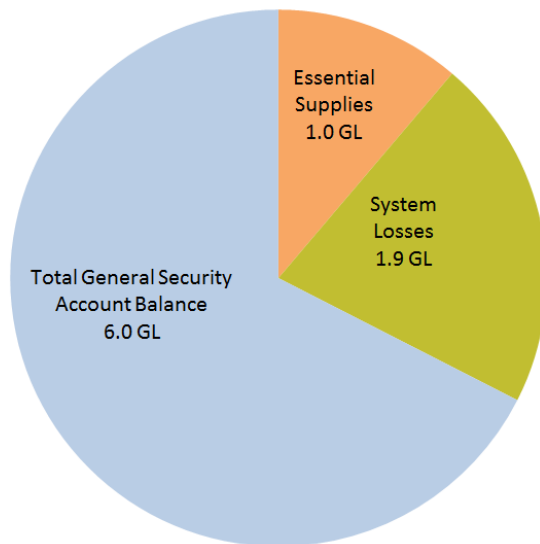
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Resource Assessment Data Sheet

Resource Distribution (as at 31 January 2018)	
	Volume (GL)
Total Available Resource ⁽¹⁾	8.9
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Essential Supplies ⁽²⁾	1.0
System Losses ⁽³⁾	1.9
General Security Account Balance ⁽⁴⁾	6.0

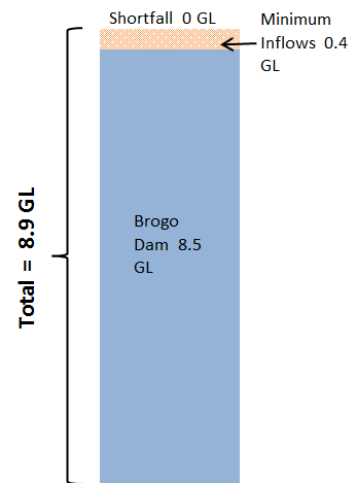
See notes below.

Resource Distribution as at 31 January 2018 Bega-Brogo Valley



Total = 8.9 GL

Supply Distribution



Notes:

- (1) Total Available Resource – is the total active storage at Brogo Dam at the time of assessment, including minimum storage inflows.
- (2) Essential Supplies – water required to be set aside under the water sharing plan to provide for Towns, Stock & Domestic, High Security, transparent releases and minimum storage releases.
- (3) System Losses – water required to be set aside under the water sharing plan to provide for evaporation, transmission, operational losses.
- (4) General Security Account Balance – water currently available in general security accounts.