



22 January 2016

NSW Border Rivers:

Water availability and allocation update

Allocations

General security (B class) licence holders in the NSW Border Rivers Regulated River Water Source have today received **an increase of 0.1124 megalitre per unit share**.

This allocation, equivalent to 11.24 per cent of entitlement, is the result of inflows in the upper catchment which were captured in headwater storages from rainfall events in late December and early January.

All other higher priority licences, including general security (A class), already received their maximum allocations for the 2015-16 water year on 1 July 2015.

	High Security	General Security A Class	General Security B Class
NSW Border Rivers	100%	100%	26.56%

Dam Levels (at 21 Jan 2016)

- Pindari Dam is 40 per cent full, holding 124 gigalitres (GL)
- Glenlyon Dam is 30 per cent full, holding 75 GL.

Outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology seasonal outlook for January to March indicates a roughly even chance of median rainfall conditions across most of the region, with above average rainfall more likely in the eastern extent of the catchment.

The temperature outlook shows maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be above average for all parts of the NSW catchment.

Rainfall during the northern Australian wet season so far has been below average and has provided minimal inflow to Basin catchments. The Bureau of Meteorology has advised the 2015-16 El Niño has likely peaked, with climate models suggesting it will continue to decay over the remainder of summer and into autumn. A return to neutral conditions is likely in the second quarter of 2016. The climate models also currently suggest neutral and La Niña conditions are equally likely for the second half of 2016, with a repeat El Niño the least likely outcome.

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Next Announcements

Conditions are being constantly monitored and any significant changes in water availability or outlook will be promptly announced.

NSW Border Rivers Resource Assessment

Distribution of NSW Resources (as at 12 January) ⁽¹⁾	
	Volume (GL)
Total available resource (NSW)	146.67
Less	
Storage losses ⁽²⁾	12.72
Essential supplies ⁽³⁾	41.10
General security account balance (including new allocation) ⁽⁴⁾	71.40
General security delivery losses ⁽⁵⁾	21.45

*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 attributed to the NSW share of the stored water.
- (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 as well as the losses required for their delivery.
- (4) Includes new allocation of 27 GL.
- (5) General security delivery losses are budgeted at 30 per cent of the volume of water allocated to general security licences.

**Distribution of NSW Resources as at 12 Jan 2016
NSW Border Rivers**

