



19 March 2018

## NSW Border Rivers Water allocation update

### Allocations

NSW Border Rivers regulated river water source General Security (B class) access licences allocation **remains unchanged at 19.62 per cent.**

The Border Rivers storage catchments has experienced a hot and relatively dry January, resulting in low inflows. A small improvement in water availability has been set aside to provide for maximum allocation to General Security A Class entitlements on 1 July 2018.

This assessment is based on available resources as of 1 February 2018 and does not consider the rainfall and associated runoff in February. These inflows will be reflected in the next water allocation update.

NSW Border Rivers regulated river water source General Security (A class) access licences, together with 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%	19.62%

### Dam levels (19 March 2018)

- Pindari Dam is currently 60 per cent full – falling – holding 187 gigalitres (GL). This compares with about 81 per cent at this time last year.
- Glenlyon Dam is currently 56 per cent full – falling – holding 143 GL. This compares with about 52 per cent at this time last year.

### Seasonal rainfall outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology is expecting an even chance of exceeding median rainfall over the catchment from March to May. No clear departure from median day or night time temperatures has been predicted over the same period. The La Niña event in the tropical Pacific Ocean has ended, and ENSO neutral conditions now prevail. Neutral conditions also in the Indian Ocean mean no strong tendency towards wetter or drier conditions.

### Further information

Information on Available Water Determinations and water sharing plans is available on the Department of Industry - Water website - [www.water.nsw.gov.au](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au).

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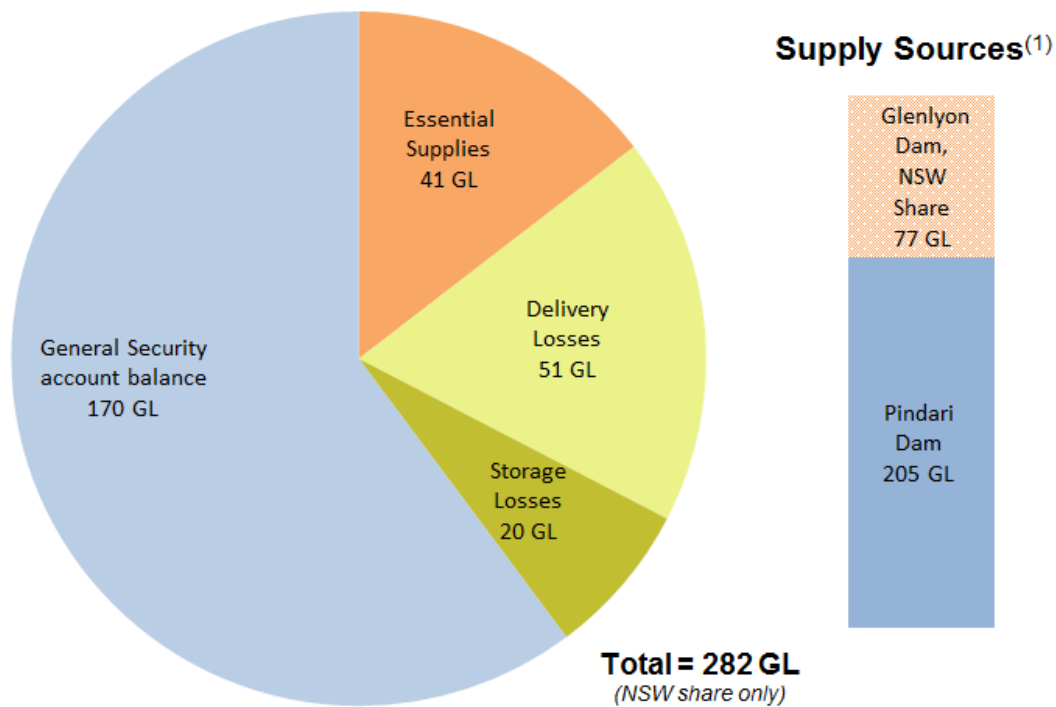
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## NSW Border Rivers Resource Assessment

Distribution of NSW Resources (as at 1 February 2018)	
	Volume (GL)
Total available resource (NSW) <sup>(1)</sup>	282
<b>Less</b>	
Storage losses <sup>(2)</sup>	20
Essential supplies <sup>(3)</sup>	41
General security account balance <sup>(4),(6)</sup>	170
General security delivery losses <sup>(5)</sup>	51

See notes below

### Resource Distribution as at 1 February 2018 NSW Border Rivers



#### Notes:

- (1) This includes Pindari Dam and the NSW share of Glenlyon Dam, at the time of the assessment. In accordance with the *New South Wales - Queensland Border Rivers Intergovernmental Agreement 2008* NSW has access to 57% of available resources in Glenlyon Dam.
- (2) Storage loss – evaporation losses based on forecast storage depletion over next 2 years.
- (3) Essential supplies – water required to be set aside under water sharing plans to provide for domestic, stock, towns, high security, replenishment, delivery loss and operational requirements. This commitment is offset by the minimum forecast inflows to storage.
- (4) General security account balance – includes 5 GL set aside now to be allocated on 1 July 2018.
- (5) General security delivery losses – budgeted at 30 per cent to deliver the existing general security account water.
- (6) The general security account balance is inclusive of about 1 GL of held environmental water (HEW) administered by environmental water holder/s. The HEW volume 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).