

30 March 2022

# Border Rivers Regulated River Water Source

## Water availability and allocation update

**There is an increase in allocations to general security (B class) licence holders of 1.00 ML/unit share.**

The account balances of several general security (B class) users remain at their maximum limit of 100%. Usage to date by general security (B class) water users has been low (about 11% of total entitlement). However, the months of February and March have seen some usage, allowing for an allocation increment to general security (B class) users that have capacity in their accounts.

Only 23.4 gegalitres (GL) is required for this allocation, filling up the accounts to their capacity. Inflows and usage will continue to be monitored over the coming months and subsequent assessments may identify available resource to further top-up general security (B class) accounts.

Continued inflows in February and March have enabled both Pindari and Glenlyon dams to remain full to capacity. All high priority licence categories have received their maximum allocations this water year. General security (A class) users have received their maximum allocations this water year.

Supplementary licence holders received a reduced allocation of 0.75 ML/unit share resulting from the implementation of growth-in-use rules. This will not change in 2021-22 unless floodplain harvesting regulations are enacted.

2021-22	High Security	General Security (A class)	General Security (B class)
Border Rivers	100%	100%	228%

## Storage levels (as at 29 March 2022)

- Pindari Dam is 100% full - holding about 316 GL
- Glenlyon Dam is 100% full - holding about 257 GL

## Key facts

- This allocation statement is based on the surplus that was remaining from the resource assessment completed earlier on 28 January 2022. As the storages remained near full since then with only minor usage, no significant change in resource balance is expected. Therefore, the regular pie chart is deemed not informative and not included in this statement.
- The maximum account balance and use per water year in the Border Rivers regulated river water source is 1 ML/unit share (100% of entitlement) for general security (A class) and general security (B class) licences.
- The maximum allocation in a year for general security (A class) users is 1 ML/ unit share (100% of entitlement). General security (A class) water access entitlements reached 100% allocation in July 2021.
- There was about 23.4 GL of general security (B class) usage since the last allocation in January 2022, which has created space in some accounts to enable an allocation increase of 1.00 ML/unit share for general security (B class) licence holders this time.

- Pindari Dam experienced days with inflows greater than 1,200 megalitres (ML)/day during the 1 April 2021 to 31 August 2021 period. The high inflow events met the water sharing plan rule for the accrual of 4 GL of water for stimulus release over the 1 August 2021 to 1 December 2021 period. However, no stimulus release was required due to flood conditions in the catchment.

## Seasonal climate outlooks

The Bureau of Meteorology's seasonal outlook for April to June indicates that rainfall is likely to be above average across the catchment. Daytime temperatures are likely to be average and overnight temperatures are likely to be above average.

Details can be found at: [www.bom.gov.au/climate/ahead/outlooks/](http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/ahead/outlooks/)

## NSW Border Rivers resource assessment

Distribution of NSW Resources	Volume (GL)	Volume (GL)
Surplus as of 28 January 2022 <sup>(1)</sup>		33.66
New allocation General Security (B class) accounts <sup>(2)</sup>	23.39	
Surplus as of 30 March 2022 <sup>(3)</sup>		10.27

Notes:

- (1) As a result of allocations made to general security (B class) on the 28 January 2022 resource assessment, all accounts were at their maximum limit, with 33.66 GL surplus or uncommitted water remaining.
- (2) This volume is the space available in general security (B class) accounts for allocation as a result of usage from general security (B class) accounts in February 2022 and March 2022.
- (3) As a result of allocations made to general security (B class) of 23.39 GL in this resource assessment, all accounts are at their maximum limit, with 10.27 GL surplus or uncommitted water remaining, improving future allocation reliability. Further, this surplus may be allocated to general security (B class) users when their account balance drops significantly below the maximum limit. The system is secure to June 2022 and beyond with no deficit.

## Further information

The next Border Rivers water allocation statement will be published in **May 2022**, or earlier if there is a significant change to the resource situation. The May 2022 water allocation statement will also include an outlook for 1 July allocations.

Information on available water determinations and water sharing plans is available on the Department of Planning and Environment website - [www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water](http://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water)

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