

29 May 2025

# NSW Border Rivers Regulated River Water Source

## Water allocation update

General Security (B class) licences in the NSW Border Rivers Regulated River Water Source have received an allocation increment of 10% of their entitlement. This has been the first allocation to General Security (B class) for 2024/25.

The improved resources have come from significant inflows since the last assessment. The current assessment indicates a small surplus. This surplus will address uncertainties like account reconciliation at the close of the water year.

General Security (A class) and all higher priority access licenses have received their maximum (100%) allocation for the 2024/25. Similarly, supplementary and floodplain harvesting access licences have also received their maximum (100%) allocation.

The assessment is based on NSW bulk resources received on 23/5/2025. The assessment considered storage volume as of 1/5/2025, inflows since then will be considered in the next assessment.

## Current allocation

29 May 2025	Allocation Increment	Average Account Balance
General Security (A Class)	-	70%
General Security (B Class)	10%	36%

## Resource outlook for 2025/26

This outlook for likely 1 July 2025 water availability is based on several assumptions. Water users are advised that forecast allocations are not certain, may change and should be used with caution. It aims to broadly guide water users with their end of year water management decisions.

Water users are reminded to check account limits and the carryover provisions on their entitlements, noting that water can forfeit from some accounts after 30 June 2025.

- Water for all critical consumptive and non-consumptive needs are secure for the 2025/26 water year.
- Higher priority water access licence holders including local water utility, stock and domestic and high security can expect their maximum (100%) allocations on 1 July.
- The allocation for general security (A class) entitlement holders will depend on factors such as inflows and usage for the remainder of this water year. Preliminary forecasts indicate that the opening general security (A class) allocation could be at least 10% of their entitlement, subject to several assumptions.
- No opening allocation to general security (B class) is envisaged. Allocation to general security (B class) licenses can only occur once general security (A class) allocations have reached 100%. However, full access to account balances carried forward into the new year will be available.
- Floodplain Harvesting water access licence holders can expect their maximum (100%) allocation on 1 July.
- Supplementary water access licence holders can expect their maximum (100%) allocation on 1 July, however, access to this water is subject to periods of declared supplementary flow events.

## Storage volume (as of 28 May 2025)

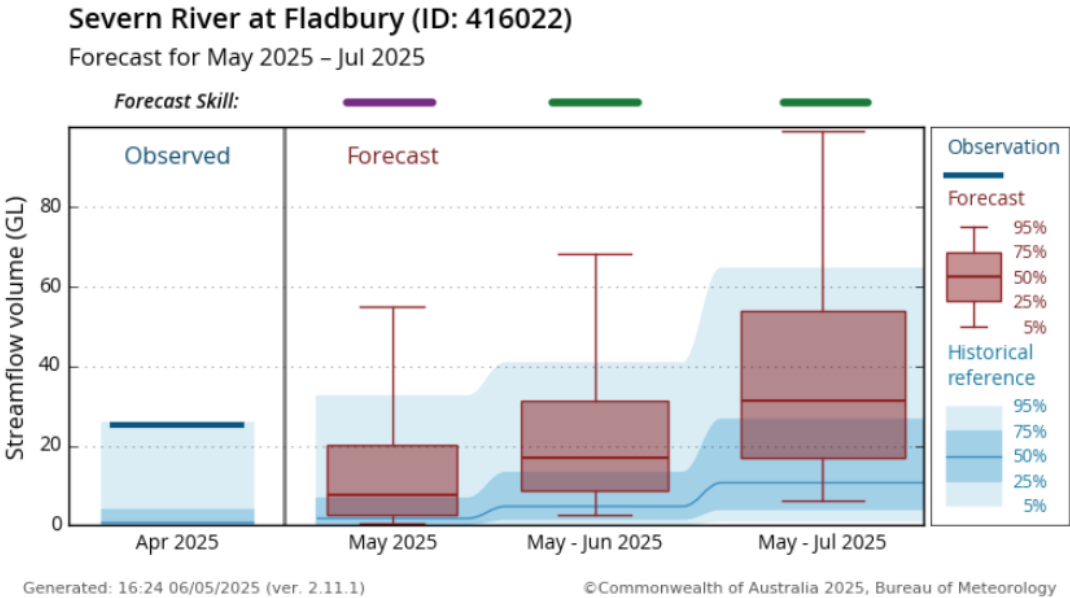
- Pindari Dam is about 48% full - holding about 150 GL.
- Glenlyon Dam is about 53% full - holding about 134 GL.

## Climate and streamflow outlooks

The Bureau of Meteorology's monthly outlook June 2025 indicates rainfall in the Border Rivers region is likely to be around median across the catchment. Day and overnight temperatures are likely to be above median over the next three months for the catchment. For further details:

[Overview – Summary - Climate Outlooks](#)

The Bureau of Meteorology issues a seasonal flow forecast for the Severn River at Fladbury, upstream of Pindari Dam (see the figure below). This may provide an indication of potential inflows into dam in the coming month. All the forecast quantiles of total flow volumes are higher than the historical flows, indicating a likely wetter quarter from May to July 2025. The graph for May to July 2025 is shown below, and updates can be found at: [Seasonal Streamflow Forecasts: Water Information: Bureau of Meteorology](#)



Resource assessment data sheet

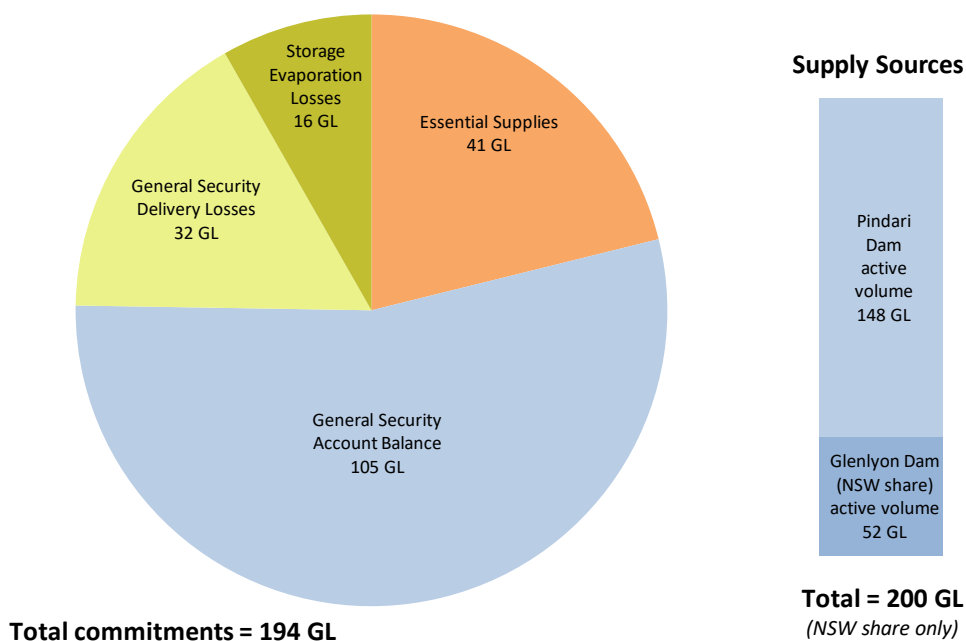
Resource distribution (as of 1 May 2025)	Volume (GL)
Total available resource (NSW) <sup>(1)</sup>	200
less	
Essential supplies <sup>(2)</sup>	41
General security account balance <sup>(3)</sup>	105
General security delivery loss <sup>(4)</sup>	32
Storage evaporation losses <sup>(5)</sup>	16
equals	
Surplus (or Deficit) <sup>(6)</sup>	6

Notes:

- (1) This includes Pindari Dam and the NSW share of Glenlyon Dam, as of 1 May 2025. In accordance with the New South Wales - Queensland Border Rivers Intergovernmental Agreement 2008, NSW has access to 57% of net inflows into Glenlyon Dam.
- (2) Water required to be set aside under water sharing plans to provide for domestic, stock, towns, high security, replenishment, stimulus release (4GL), delivery loss and operational requirements. This commitment is assisted by the minimum forecast inflows to storage. The full reserve is 41 GL. If depleted, this reserve is replenished first prior to allocation increment.
- (3) The general security account balance includes 2.81 GL of held environmental water (HEW) administered by environmental water holder/s. These environmental entitlements are held and/or managed either singly or jointly by various environmental water holder groups including the NSW Government and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH).

- (4) A reserve reflecting budgeted loss to deliver general security water. Traditionally, a 30% delivery loss has been budgeted for this river system. The loss reserve is continually assessed, and if depleted it is topped-up as a priority from resource improvements, to ensure that allocated water can be delivered.
- (5) Storage evaporation loss is based on forecast storage depletion over the next 24 months.
- (6) Surplus (or Deficit) of water available after accounting for all commitments. There is a small surplus which will be rolled over to the opening allocation on 1 July 2025.

### Resource Distribution as at 1 May 2025 NSW Border Rivers Water Source



### Water allocation in 2024/25

Date	License Category	Increment	Total 2024/25	Account Balance
1-Jul	Domestic and Stock	100%*	100%*	100%*
1-Jul	Local Water Utility	100%*	100%*	100%*
1-Jul	High Security	1.00 ML/unit share*	1.00 ML/unit share*	100%*
1-Jul	Supplementary	1.00 ML/unit share*	1.00 ML/unit share*	100%*
1-Jul	General Security (A class)	0.10 ML/unit share	0.10 ML/unit share	17%
1-Jul	General Security (B class)	0.00 ML/unit share	0.00 ML/unit share	54%
28-Oct	General Security (A class)	0.08 ML/unit share	0.18 ML/unit share	23%
13-Jan	General Security (A class)	0.29 ML/unit share	0.47 ML/unit share	50%
29-Jan	General Security (A class)	0.53 ML/unit share	1.00 ML/unit share*	75%

29-May	General Security (B class)	0.10 ML/unit share	0.10 ML/unit share	36%
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\* Maximum allowable as per the water sharing plan.

## Water sharing plan

- Domestic and stock, and Local water utility licence categories are to receive an allocation of 100% of their share component at the start of the water year. No carryover is permitted.
- High security licence categories can receive up to 1.00 ML per unit share at the start of the water year and the unused water cannot be carried over to the next water year
- General security accounts (A class and B class) can carryover the unused water to next water year. The total allocation in a year must not exceed 1.00 ML per unit share.
- General security B class licence categories cannot receive allocation until General security A class licence receive their maximum allocation
- Supplementary water access licence receives 1.00 ML per unit share at the start of the water year, unless a lower volume is determined to ensure compliance with extraction limit. This licence cannot hold more than 1.00 ML per unit share in their accounts and cannot carryover the closing balance into the next water year.
- Floodplain harvesting licences receive 1.00 ML per unit share at the start of the year, unless reduced compliance purposes. Any unused water can be carried over to the next water year, but the total in the account – including carryover and new allocations, must not exceed 5 ML per unit share.

## Useful links

- Water allocation guide – The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) produced a series of guides to describe the water allocation methods for most NSW regulated river systems. The guide for this water source is available at the following link: [Resource assessment process | NSW Government Water](#)
- Water allocation dashboard – The NSW DCCEEW developed a dashboard to enhance the transparency and accessibility of up-to-date information on water availability and allocations for regulated river water sources. The dashboard can be accessed at the following link: [Allocations dashboard | NSW Government Water](#)
- Water sharing plan – The water sharing plan for this water source is available at the following link: [Water Sharing Plan for the NSW Border Rivers Regulated River Water Source 2021](#)

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## Further information

The next water allocation statement for this water source will be included in the state-wide opening water allocation statements on Tuesday, 6 am, 1 July 2025

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