

2 October 2025

NSW Border Rivers Regulated River Water Source

Water allocation update

General security (B class) licence holders in the NSW Border Rivers Regulated River Water Source have received a **14% allocation increment**, bringing their cumulative allocation to 22% of entitlement for this water year. The improved resources have come from significant inflows since the last assessment.

All higher priority access licences, supplementary and floodplain harvesting access licences have received their maximum (100%) allocation on 1 July 2025. General security (A class) also received their maximum (100%) allocation for the 2025–26 water year on 29 August 2025.

The assessment is based on NSW bulk resources received on 29 September 2025. The assessment considered storage volumes as of 1 September 2025, inflows since then will be considered in the next assessment.

Current allocation

2 October 2025	Allocation increment	Average account balance
General security (A class)	-	97%
General security (B class)	14%	62%

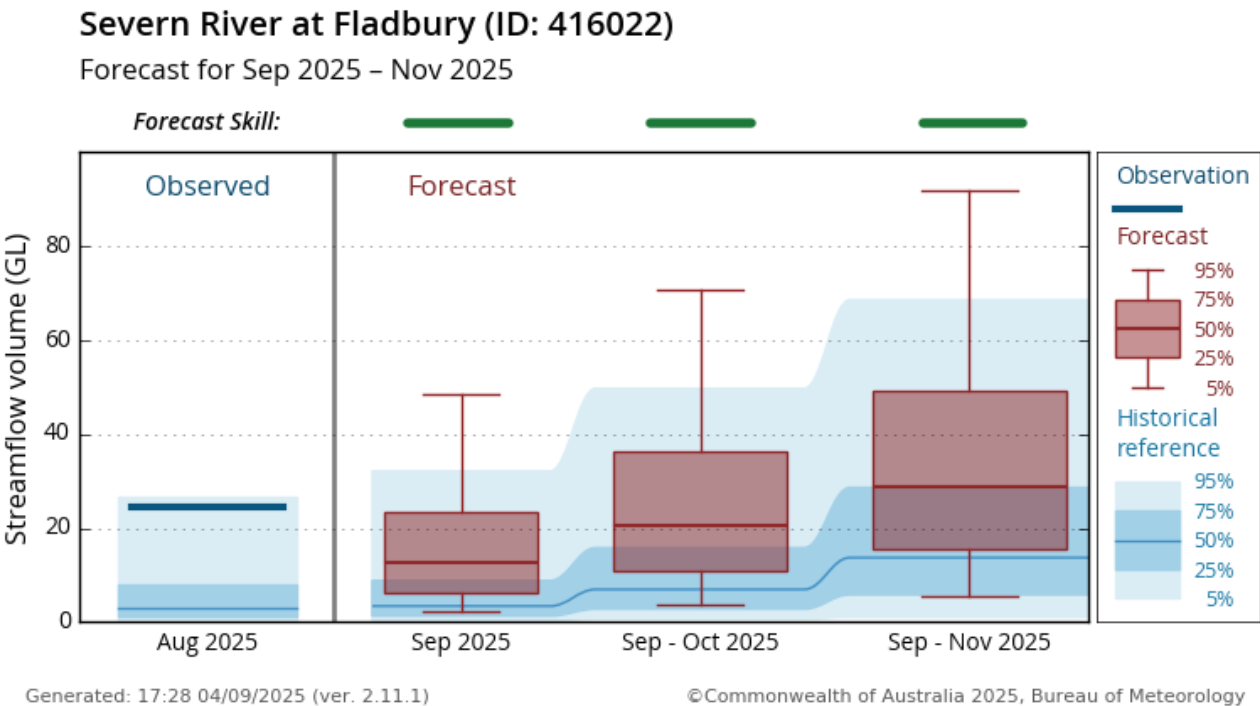
Stimulus flow

In April 2025, Pindari Dam inflows exceeded 1,200 megalitres per day (ML/day), satisfying the pre-condition for releasing stimulus flows between August and November. A pre-release to the downstream system was undertaken in July 2025 with expected outcome of improved conditions for native fish breeding. The stimulus release earlier than August avoided cold water pollution. The department approved the early release in accordance with clause 55(4) of the plan rules. A total of 5,839 ML was delivered leaving a balance of 2,161 ML for future use.

Inflow outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology issues a seasonal flow forecast for the Severn River at Fladbury, located upstream of Pindari Dam (see the figure below). Though preliminary, this may suggest the potential inflows into dam in the coming months. All the forecast quantiles are above the historical flows, suggesting wetter than average conditions for September to November 2025.

The graph for September to November 2025 is shown below, and updates can be found at: [Seasonal Streamflow Forecasts: Water Information: Bureau of Meteorology](#).



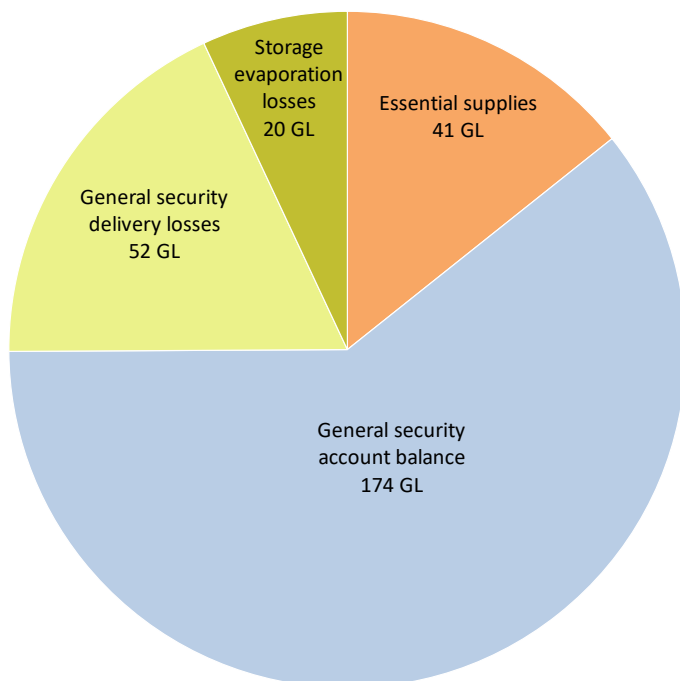
Resource assessment data sheet

Resource distribution (as of 1 September 2025)	Volume (GL)
Total available resource (NSW) ⁽¹⁾	289
less	
Essential supplies ⁽²⁾	41
General security account balance ⁽³⁾	174
General security delivery loss ⁽⁴⁾	52
Storage evaporation losses ⁽⁵⁾	20
equals	
Surplus (or deficit) ⁽⁶⁾	2

Notes:

- (1) This includes Pindari Dam and the NSW share of Glenlyon Dam, as of 1 September 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 (4 GL), 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 3.4 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 remaining after this allocation, which will be rolled over to the next resource assessment.

Resource Distribution as at 1 September 2025 NSW Border Rivers Water Source



Total commitments = 287 GL

Supply sources



Total = 289 GL
(NSW share only)

Water allocation in 2025–26

Date	Licence category	Increment	Total 2025–26	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)	0.30 ML/unit share	0.30 ML/unit share	37%
1-Jul	General security (B class)	0.00 ML/unit share	0.00 ML/unit share	54%
28-Jul	General security (A class)	0.10 ML/unit share	0.40 ML/unit share	47%
29-Aug	General security (A class)	0.60 ML/unit share	1.00 ML/unit share	98%
29-Aug	General security (B class)	0.08 ML/unit share	0.08 ML/unit share	49%
2-Oct	General security (B class)	0.14 ML/unit share	0.22 ML/unit share	62%

* Maximum allowable as per the water sharing plan.

Water sharing plan rules

This statement includes plain language information on the plan rules relevant to water allocation below. This is based on our knowledge and understanding at the time of writing. Water users should verify the information as required before making any water management decisions.

- Stimulus flow account is to be credited 4,000 ML at the start of the water year. The account can carry over unused balances into the next water year, subject to the total balance not exceeding 8,000 ML.
- Domestic and stock, local water utility and high security licence categories are to receive an allocation of 100% of their share component at the start of the water year. These licences cannot carry over unused balances into the next water year.
- General security (A class) access licences receive allocation only after all higher priority requirements are met. The maximum allocation in a year to this category is 100%.
- General security (B class) licences cannot receive an allocation until general security (A class) licences received their maximum allocation (100%).
- Any unused water of general security accounts (A class and B class) can be carried over to the next water year. The account balance at any time must not exceed 100% of entitlement.

- Supplementary water access licences are to receive an allocation of 100% of entitlement at the start of the water year, unless a growth-in-use measure is required. The closing balance cannot be carried over into the next water year.
- Floodplain harvesting licences are to receive an allocation of 100% of entitlement at the start of the year, unless a growth-in-use measurement is required. The closing balance can be carried over into the next water year, but the account balance must not exceed 500% of entitlement.

Useful links

- Water allocation guide – We 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 statement-The water allocation statement for all water sources can be accessed at the following link: [Water allocation statements | NSW Government Water](#)
- Water allocation dashboard – We developed a dashboard 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](#)

Further information

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