

1 September 2026

Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source

General security allocation increased by 7%

Category	2026–27 allocation	Account balance
General security	34%	46% (862 GL)

Key information

- This resource assessment is based on information as of 27 August 2026.
- Conveyance entitlements have also received allocation increments commensurate with the general security (GS) allocation increase.
- This allocation increment was possible due to strong inflows to the dams.
- Currently, the Environmental Water Managers have placed GS Held Environmental Water (HEW) orders on high flow passing Wagga Wagga protecting the natural flow event (see [Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder](#)). As a result, insufficient volume is left for a supplementary access event now.
- The volume used by GS HEW will be determined soon after the event has passed. After account reconciliation, water debited from GS HEW accounts will improve water resources by reducing commitments behind the dams.
- During this high flow event, GS account holders can continue to order and extract as usual. More information is available on [WaterInsights](#) update.
- Trade into the Murrumbidgee is currently open and trade out of Murrumbidgee is closed. The Murrumbidgee IVT account balance is 100 GL as of 27 August 2026. Water users should monitor the [WaterNSW website](#) for daily information on the IVT account balance, the status of trade, and other important updates.

Next statement

The next water allocation statement for this water source will be published on **Tuesday, 15 September 2026 at 2.30 pm**.

Resources assessment data sheet

Resource distribution (as of 1 September 2026)	Volume (GL)
Current and future resources ⁽¹⁾	2,358
<i>less</i>	
Planned environmental water balance ⁽²⁾	198
Domestic and stock, and local water utility balance	44
Conveyance balance	299
High security balance	336
General security balance ⁽³⁾	862
Murrumbidgee IVT balance (as of 27/08/26)	100
Losses (09/26 to 06/27) ⁽⁴⁾	517
Higher-priority reserve (2027–28) ⁽⁵⁾	0
<i>equals</i>	
Surplus (or deficit) ⁽⁶⁾	2

Notes:

- 1) Total active storage volume behind Burrinjuck and Blowering dams as of 27 August 2026; minus 50 GL operational reserve (25 GL per Dam); plus any usable flow in transit; plus minimum inflows for rest of the water year (Burrinjuck – 09/1911 to 06/1912, Blowering – 09/2002 to 06/2003); plus Snowy Hydro's assured Required Annual Release (RAR) till 4/2027, minus 6 GL commitment to Australian Capital Territory (ACT) (see Water sharing plan clause 56(5)(c)).
- 2) This includes end-of-system flow requirements (161 GL); plus provisional storage volumes (PSV1 = nil, PSV2 = nil); plus environmental water allowances balance (EWA1 = 3 GL, EWA2 = 12 GL, EWA3 = 0 GL); plus a budgeted 22 GL for future EWA2 to reflect the simulated transparent release arising from the budgeted minimum inflow.
- 3) Balance of water in GS accounts as of 27 August 2026. The volume includes water carried over from last year, new allocation this water year, minus usage to date. Both consumptive and Held Environmental Water (HEW) GS volumes are reported here. For information, the average carryover into 2026–27 was 15% (276 GL).
- 4) Losses reflect the conservative estimate of the volume required to run the river to meet demands for the remainder of the water year. This includes storage evaporation, transmission and operational losses.
- 5) Volume to set aside for full opening allocation to higher-priority needs on 1 July 2027. This reserve will be built from December 2026 onward.
- 6) Surplus (or deficit) of water available after accounting for all commitments.

Useful links



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A series of guides that describe the water allocation methods for most NSW regulated river systems are available at: [Resource assessment process | Water](#)



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Water sharing plan for this water source is available at: [Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2016](#)

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