

4 September 2026

Peel Regulated River Water Source

General security allocation increased by 11%

Category	2026–27 allocation	Account balance
General security	100%	100%

Key information

- This resource assessment is based on information as of 31 August 2026.
- Environmental water allowance (EWA) has been credited at the same ratio as the general security (GS) allocation increase and is now fully allocated.
- Peel alluvium aquifer GS licences have also received an allocation increment commensurate with the GS allocation increase and is now fully allocated.
- Inflows to Chaffey dam during August have improved overall water availability, enabling this allocation increment.
- All licence categories in both Peel Regulated River water and Peel Alluvium Groundwater sources are now fully allocated for the 2026–27 water year.
- All higher priority uses including the town water are secure to June 2028 and beyond.
- This assessment returns a surplus of 4 GL further improving water security.

Next statement

All licence categories are fully allocated for this water year. Routine water allocation statements will cease and be replaced by occasional updates.

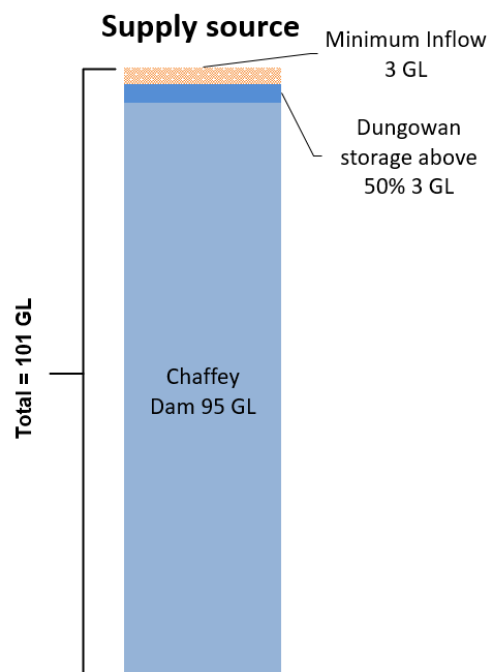
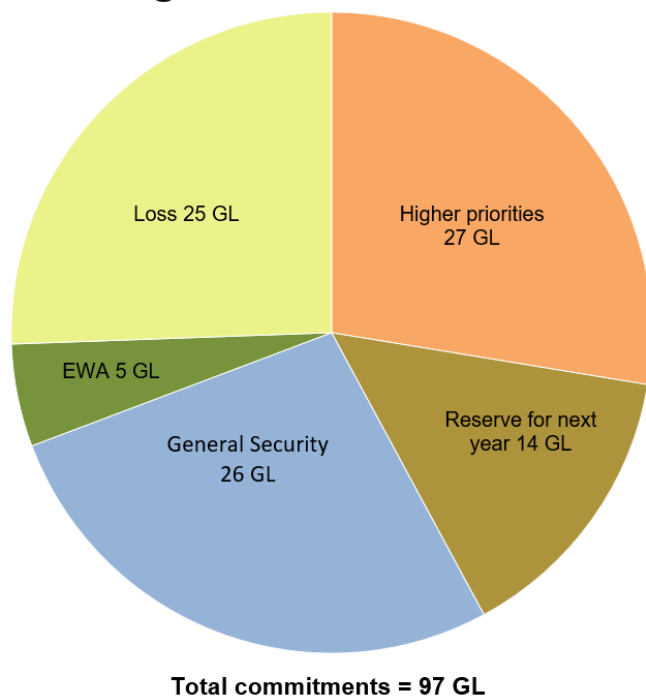
Resource assessment data sheet

Resource distribution (as of 31 August 2026)	Volume (GL)
Current and future resources ⁽¹⁾	101
<i>less</i>	
Higher priorities (09/26 to 06/27) ⁽²⁾	27
Environmental water allowance (EWA) balance	5
General security balance	26
Evaporation, operational and transmission loss ⁽³⁾	25
Reserve for 2027–28 ⁽⁴⁾	14
<i>equals</i>	
Surplus (or deficit) ⁽⁵⁾	4

Notes:

- (1) Chaffey Dam active storage, Dungowan Dam volume above 50% full and minimum inflow expected to June 2027.
- (2) Volume required to supply for basic landholder rights, domestic and stock (D&S), local water utility (LWU), high security (HS) entitlements in full within remaining water year. This also includes associated transmission loss plus minimum storage release.
- (3) Evaporation budget assumes historical high evaporation rates. The transmission loss is budgeted to deliver water orders based on current conditions and forecasts. EWA water delivery is measured at the dam wall thus incurs no transmission loss.
- (4) Reserve set aside to meet the opening allocation on 1 July 2027. The reserve includes basic landholder rights, 70% domestic and stock, 70% local water utility, 50% high security entitlements and associated transmission loss plus minimum storage release. This also considers minimum inflow expected over 2027–28, offset by evaporation for the same period.
- (5) Surplus (or deficit) of available water after accounting for all commitments. There is a surplus, as all accounts are allocated to their maximum, this will be rolled over increasing water security.

Resource distribution as at 31 August 2026 Peel Regulated River Water Source



Storage volume simulation

The storage outlook for the assessment horizon of next two years is provided below. It shows that with current allocations and commitments and an assumed repeat of the historical minimum inflow sequence (at the start of the water sharing plan) together with forecast demands, the volume in Chaffey Dam depletes to 28 GL by July 2028. This is sufficient to supply the higher priorities into the third water year from now.

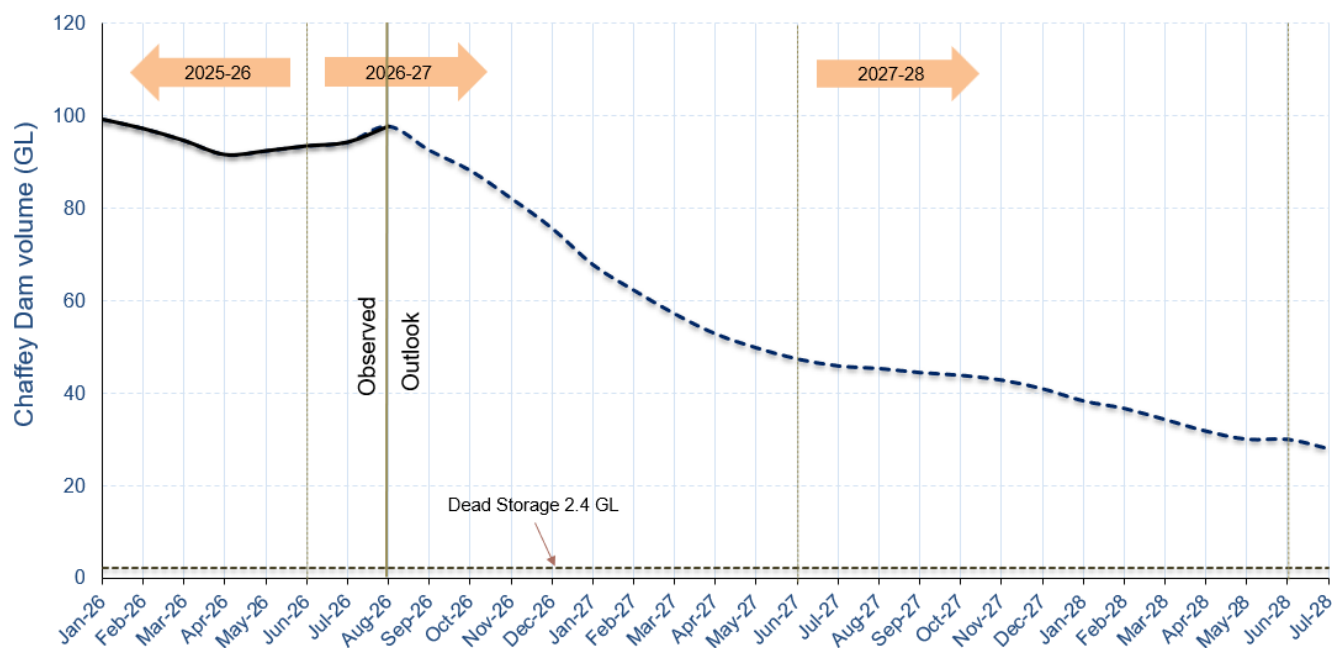


Figure: Simulated depletion of Chaffey Dam storage volume

Useful links



Allocation statements for all water sources are available at: [Water allocation statements | Water](#)



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



The dashboard on water availability and allocations for all water sources is available at: [Allocations dashboard | Water](#)



Water sharing plans for these water sources are available at:
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Allocations in 2026–27

Table 1: Peel Regulated River water allocation in 2026–27

Date	Licence category	Increment	Total 2026–27	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/share	1.00 ML/share*	100%*
1-Jul	EWA	0.75%	75%	75%
1-Jul	General security	0.75 ML/share	0.75 ML/share	75%
5-Aug	EWA	14%	89%	89%
5-Aug	General security	0.14 ML/share	0.89 ML/share	89%
4-Sep	EWA	11%	100%*	100%*
4-Sep	General security	0.11 ML/share	1.00 ML/share*	100%*

* Maximum allowable.

Table 2: Peel Alluvium Groundwater water allocation in 2026–27

Date	Licence category	Increment	Total 2026–27	Account balance
1-Jul	Aquifer (general security)	0.878 ML/share	0.878 ML/share	87.8%
5-Aug	Aquifer (general security)	0.069 ML/share	0.947 ML/share	93.8%
4-Sep	Aquifer (general security)	0.053 ML/share	1.00 ML/share*	97.4%

* Maximum allowable.

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 decision.

- Domestic and stock, and local water utility access licences are to receive a minimum allocation of 70% of their entitlement at the start of the water year. If additional water is available, allocation to rise to 100%.
- High security access licences are to receive a minimum allocation of 50% of their entitlement at the start of the water year. If additional water is available, allocation to rise to 100%.
- General security access licences receive allocations after all higher priority requirements have received their maximum (100%) allocation. Maximum allocation to general security users in a year cannot exceed 100% of entitlement.
- The environmental water allowance (EWA) is credited incrementally at the same ratio with general security allocations where 100% equals 5 GL. The EWA has an account limit of 5 GL.
- No licence category in Peel Regulated River Water Source can carryover any unused balance into the next water year.
- In the Peel Alluvium Groundwater Source, aquifer (general security) licences are allocated at the start of each water year through a combination of aquifer and Peel regulated river general security allocations. These licences are incrementally allocated in line with Peel regulated river general security allocations. Total account balance cannot exceed 100% of entitlement. Any unused water cannot be carried over into the next water year.