

21 February 2025

Belubula Regulated River Water Source

Water allocation update

There is no allocation increase to General Security (GS) entitlements in the Belubula regulated river water source for this period. Total general security water availability is about 22,781 megalitres (ML) or an average of 101% of entitlement, all of which were carried forward from the 2023/24 water year. The total account balance for individual licenses cannot exceed 110% of entitlement.

Very little use of licensed water has been recorded this year, with an approximately use of 0.6 GL or 3% since the last assessment. Carcoar storage remained near full as usage was low, which means there has been little opportunity to capture new water for allocation.

This resource assessment is based on information to 31 January 2025. Any changes in resources since that date will be captured in the next resources assessment.

Current allocation

21 February 2025	Allocation Increment	Average Account Balance
General Security	0%	101%

Storage levels (as of 20 February 2025)

Carcoar Dam is currently 96.4% full - holding about 34,811 ML.

Climate and streamflow outlooks

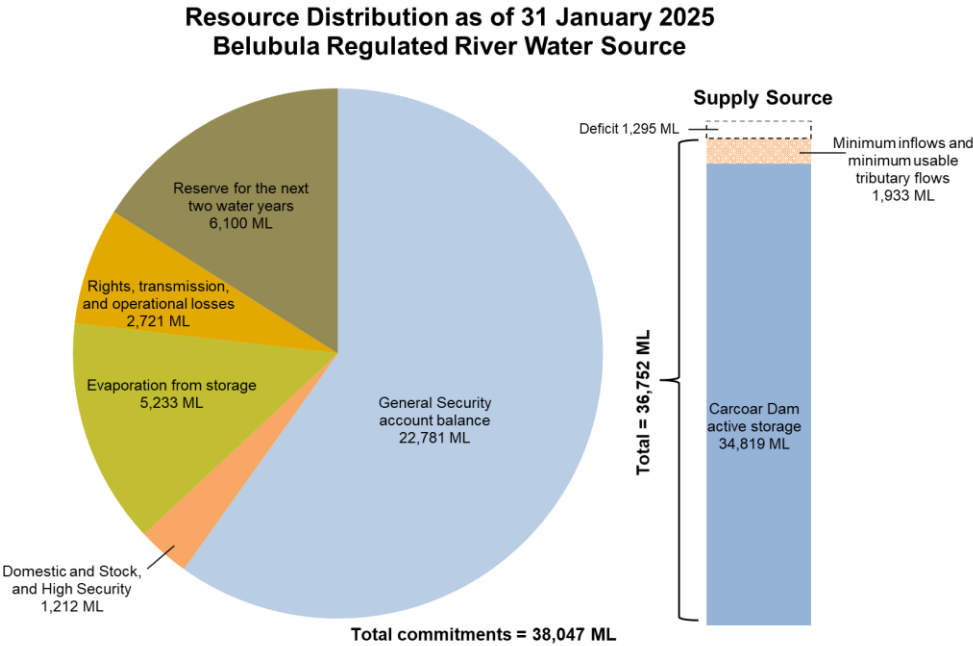
The Bureau of Meteorology’s Monthly outlook for March 2025 to April 2025 indicates that it is likely to exceed the median rainfall across the catchment while day and overnight temperatures are likely to be above median over the next three months for the catchment. For further details: [Overview – Summary - Climate Outlooks \(bom.gov.au\)](#)

Belubula resource assessment data sheet

Resource Distribution (February 2025 to June 2027)	Volume (ML)
Current and Future Resources ⁽¹⁾	36,752
<i>less</i>	
Domestic and Stock, and High Security balance	1,212
General Security balance	22,781
Evaporation from storage ⁽²⁾	5,233
Rights, transmission, and operational losses ⁽³⁾	2,721
Storage reserve for 2025/26 and 2026/27 ⁽⁴⁾	6,100
<i>equals</i>	
Surplus (or deficit) ⁽⁵⁾	(1,295)

Notes:

- (1) Active storage volume in Carcoar dam at the end of January 2025 (net of 300 ML of dead storage) plus minimum historical dam inflows and usable tributary flows budgeted from February 2025 to June 2025.
- (2) Evaporation loss from February to June 2025. In addition, this includes extra evaporation from General Security volume carried over and used over next 2 water years.
- (3) Conservative estimate of the pro rate volume required to run the river to end of this water year. This will meet all non-licence-based demands and delivery overheads. This mostly comprises basic landholder rights, transmission losses, end of system flows, minimum Carcoar dam release, and operational losses under dry conditions.
- (4) Required volume to ensure full utilisation of 100% allocation to all higher priority licence holders, rights and minimum flow targets for next two years. The reserve is inclusive of delivery and evaporation loss related to higher priority demands. This volume is net of the minimum inflow budget in 2025/26 and 2026/27.
- (5) Surplus (or deficit) of water available after accounting for all commitments. There is a small deficit which will be closely monitored.



Allocation in 2024/25 for Belubula regulated river water source

Date	License Category	Increment	Total 2023/24	Average Account Balance
1-Jul	Domestic & 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	0.00 ML/unit share	0.00 ML/unit share	105%

*Maximum allowable

Water allocation guide

The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water published 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 link below:

For further details: [Resource assessment process | Water \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

Further information

The next water allocation statement for this water source will be available in **May 2025** or earlier if conditions change significantly.

Information on available water determinations and water sharing plans is available on the department's website: [Water \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

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