

17 November 2023

# Belubula Regulated River Water Source

## Water availability and allocation update

There is no increase in allocation to general security licenses in the regulated Belubula river water source. However, the average general security account balance is a high 23,134 megalitres (ML) or 103% of entitlement, carried over from last water year. Individual account balances are capped at 110% of entitlement.

Insignificant use of licensed water has been recorded this year and with a full Carcoar storage, it means there has been little opportunity to capture new water for allocation.

General security water users can access unregulated (uncontrolled) flows when supplementary access events are declared, subject to rules in the water sharing plan.

This resource assessment is based on information to 31 October 2023. Any changes in resources since that date forward will be captured in the next resources assessment.

## Current allocation

17 November 2023	Allocation Increment	Average Account Balance
General Security	0%	103%

## Storage levels (as of 16 November 2023)

Carcoar Dam is currently 99% full and holding about 35,812 ML.

## Seasonal climate outlooks

The Bureau of Meteorology's seasonal outlook for December to February indicates that rainfall is likely to be below median across the catchment. Day and overnight temperatures are likely to be warmer than the median over the next three months for the catchment.

Further details at: [www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks/#/overview/summary](http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks/#/overview/summary)

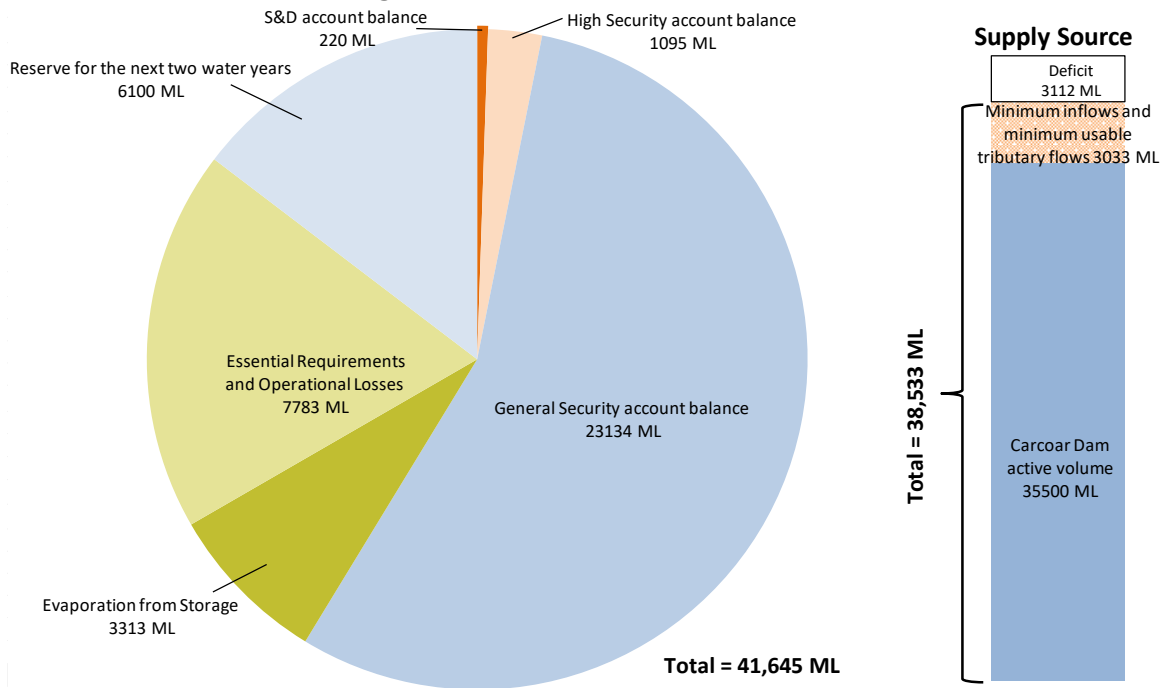
## Belubula resource assessment data sheet

Resource Distribution (November 2023 to June 2026)	Volume (ML)
Current and Future Resources <sup>(1)</sup>	38,533
<i>less</i>	
Domestic and Stock account balance	220
High Security account balance	1095
General Security account balance <sup>(2)</sup>	23,134
Evaporation from storage	3,313
Essential Requirements and Losses <sup>(3)</sup>	7,783
Storage reserve for 2024/25 and 2025/26 <sup>(4)</sup>	6,100
<i>equals</i>	
Surplus (or deficit) <sup>(5)</sup>	(3112)

### Notes:

- (1) Volume of Carcoar Dam as of 31 October 2023, minus 300 ML dead storage, plus minimum historical dam inflows and usable tributary flows budgeted from 1 November 2023 to 30 June 2024.
- (2) The current account balance adjusted for any trade, account forfeits and uncontrolled flow usage (if applicable) throughout the water year.
- (3) Conservative estimate of the volume required to run the river to meet all non-licence based demands and delivery overheads. This mostly comprises of transmission losses, end of system flows, minimum Carcoar dam release, and operational losses.
- (4) Required volume to ensure full utilisation of 100% allocation to all higher priority licence holders for the next two years. This volume is net of the minimum inflow budget in 2024/25 and 2025/26.
- (5) This assessment is returning a small deficit which is low risk and unlikely to materialise. It will be closely monitored.

**Resource Distribution as at 31 October 2023  
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**Allocation history in 2023/24 for Belubula**

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	104%
16-Aug	General Security	0.00 ML/unit share	0.00 ML/unit share	104%
17-Nov	General Security	0.00 ML/unit share	0.00 ML/unit share	103%

\*Maximum allowable

## Further information

The next water allocation statement for the Belubula regulated river water source regulated river will be available in **February 2024**, or sooner if conditions change significantly.

Information on available water determinations and water sharing plans is available on the department's website: [water.dpie.nsw.gov.au](http://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au)

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