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Bega and Brogo Regulated Rivers Water Source

Water allocation update

There is **no change** to allocations in the Bega Brogo Regulated Rivers. The total allocation to general security (GS) licence holders remains at 60% of their entitlement. This statement is to provide an update on the water sharing and regulated river resource conditions.

Extended periods of uncontrolled flow in the Bega-Brogo system this year have allowed GS water users to augment their water access. So far this water year about 2,487 megalitres (ML) has been extracted from uncontrolled flow by GS licence holders.

This resource assessment is based on information to 30 April 2025.

Current allocation

15 May 2025	Allocation Increment	Average Account Balance
General Security	-	48%

Resource outlook for 2025/26

The outlook for likely 1 July 2025 water availability is based on several assumptions. Water users are advised that forecast allocations are not certain, may change and should be used with caution. It aims to broadly guide water users with their end of water year water management decisions.

Water users are reminded to check account limits and the carryover provisions on their entitlements, noting that water can forfeit from some accounts after 30 June 2025.

- Water for all critical consumptive and non-consumptive needs are secure for 2025/26.
- All higher priority water access licence holders including, local water utility, domestic & stock and high security categories can expect their maximum (100%) allocation on 1 July 2025.
- The allocation for general security entitlement holders will depend on factors including inflows and usage for the remainder of this water year. However, indications suggest

that the licence holders can expect an opening allocation of at least 40% of entitlement on 1 July 2025.

- Supplementary water access licence holders can expect their full opening allocation of 100% 1 July 2025 however access to this water is subject to periods of declared supplementary flow events.

Storage volume (as of 14 May 2025)

Brogo Dam is about 101% full and spilling - holding about 9,053 ML.

Climate outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) monthly outlook for June 2025 indicates rainfall in the Bega-Brogo catchment is likely to be around the median. Maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be warmer than median for the catchment for the same period.

For further details: [Overview – Summary - Climate Outlooks](#)

Resource assessment data sheet

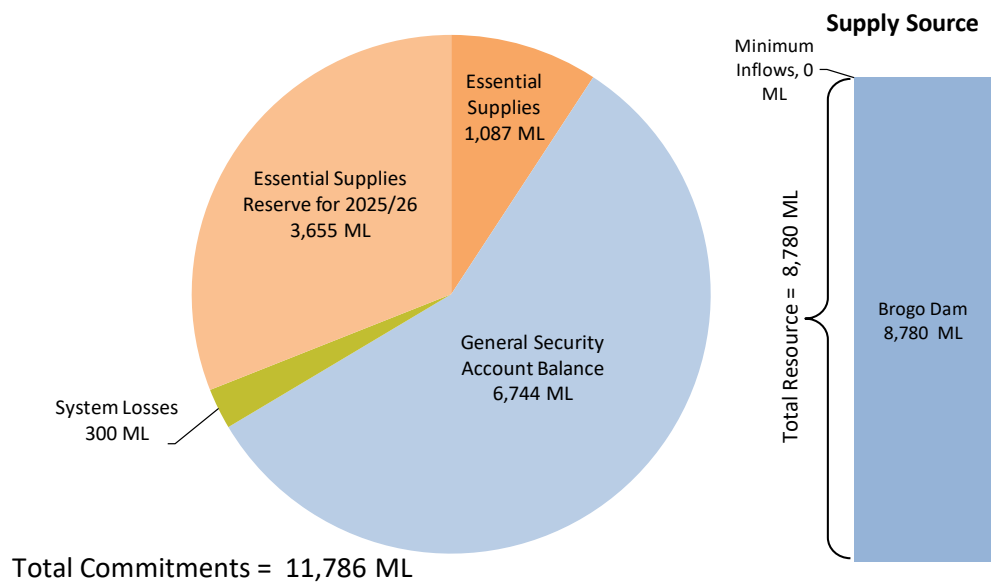
Resource Distribution (May 2025 to June 2025)	Volume (ML)
Brogo Dam active storage volume (as at 01/5/2025) ¹	8,780
Minimum storage inflows (1/6/2025 to 30/6/2025)	0
Less	
Basic Land Holder Rights	112
Domestic and Stock balance	51
High Security – town water supply	363
High Security balance	378
General Security balance	6,744
Transparent releases	150
Minimum storage releases	33
Losses (evaporation, transmission, operation) ²	300
Essential supplies reserve for 2025/26 ³	3,655
<i>equals</i>	
Surplus (or Deficit) ⁴	(3,006)

Notes:

- (1) This is the active storage volume in Brogo Dam as of 1 May 2025. Brogo Dam volume is capped at an active full supply volume. Higher volumes of storage surcharge and spill are not counted as a regulated resource available for allocation.
- (2) Storage evaporation and system transmission and operation loss is pro-rated from 1 June 2025 to 30 June 2025.

- (3) Water set aside in the storage as resource to cover higher priority requirements and delivery losses in the 2025/26 water year. This is net of the 2,800 ML minimum inflow budget for the same year. Essential supplies reserve includes opening allocations of 80% for high security and 100% for other higher priority licences.
- (4) Surplus or deficit of water accounting for all commitments. This assessment is returning a notional deficit which will likely be recovered from forfeiture of allocated water on 30/6/25.

Resource Distribution as at 1 May 2025 Bega-Brogo Regulated Rivers Water Source



Water allocation in 2024/25

Date	Licence Category	Increment	Total 2024/25	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	0.40 ML/unit share	0.40 ML/unit share	40%
28-Feb	General Security	0.20 ML/unit share	0.60 ML/unit share	22%

*Maximum allowed

Water sharing plan rules

- Domestic and Stock, and Local Water Utility licence categories are to receive an allocation of 100% of their share component at the start of the water year.
- High Security licence categories start with an allocation of 0.80 ML per unit share and can increase up to 1.00 ML per unit share based on the resource availability. Carryover of up to 0.10 ML per unit share is allowed only if the next year's opening allocation is less than 0.80 ML per unit share.
- For each increment above 0.80 ML per unit share allocation to high security category, general security allocation to increase by twice the amount.
- General Security (GS) cannot carryover unused water into next water year. The total allocation in a year must not exceed 1.00 ML per unit share.
- Supplementary Water Access licences receive 1.00 ML per unit share at the start of the water year, unless a lower volume is determined to ensure compliance with extraction limits. This licence cannot hold more than 1.00 ML per unit share in their accounts and cannot carryover the closing balance into the next water year.

Useful links

- Water allocation dashboard – The NSW DCCEEW developed a dashboard to enhance the transparency and accessibility of up-to-date information 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 Bega River Area Regulated, Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2024](#)

Further information

The next water allocation statement for the Bega-Brogo regulated river water source will be included in the state-wide opening water allocation statements on Tuesday, 1 July 2025.

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