

29 April 2025

NSW Border Rivers Regulated River Water Source

Water allocation update

There is no change to allocations in the Border Rivers regulated river water source. This statement is to provide an update on the water sharing and regulated resource conditions.

General Security (A class) licenses received their maximum allocation on 29 January 2025. Allocations to General Security (B Class) licences can now commence as allocation to A Class licences reached 100%. However, there was not sufficient surplus to commence B Class allocation at this assessment.

The assessment is based on NSW bulk resources received on 24/4/2025. The assessment considered storage volume as of 1/4/2025, inflows since then will be considered in the next assessment.

Current allocation

29 April 2025	Allocation Increment	Average Account Balance
General Security (A Class)	-	75%
General Security (B Class)	-	27%

Storage volume (as of 29 April 2025)

- Pindari Dam is about 48% full - holding about 149 GL.
- Glenlyon Dam is about 53% full - holding about 134 GL.

This 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 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.

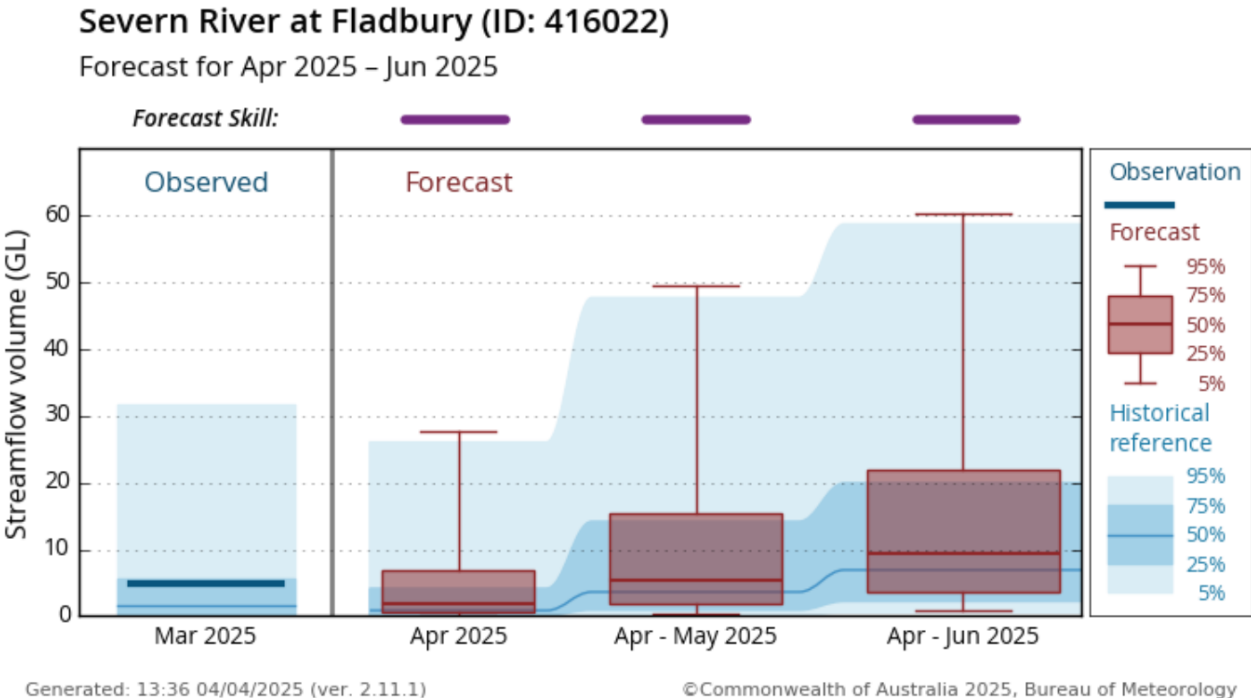
- ## Climate and streamflow outlooks

The Bureau of Meteorology's monthly outlook May 2025 indicates rainfall in the Border Rivers region is likely to be below median across the catchment. 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)

The Bureau of Meteorology issues a seasonal flow forecast for the Severn River at Fladbury, upstream of Pindari Dam (see the figure below). This may provide an indication of potential inflows into dam in the coming month. All the forecast quantiles of total flow volumes are slightly higher than the historical flows, indicating a likely wetter quarter from April to June 2025.

The graph for April to June 2025 is shown below, and Updates can be found at: [Seasonal Streamflow Forecasts: Water Information: Bureau of Meteorology \(bom.gov.au\)](#)



Resource assessment data sheet

Resource distribution (as of 1 April 2025)	Volume (GL)
Total available resource (NSW) ⁽¹⁾	162.6
less	
Essential Supplies ⁽²⁾	41.1
General Security Account Balance ⁽³⁾	81.8
General Security Delivery Loss ⁽⁴⁾	24.5
Storage Evaporation Losses ⁽⁵⁾	14.0
equals	
Surplus (or deficit) ⁽⁶⁾	1.2

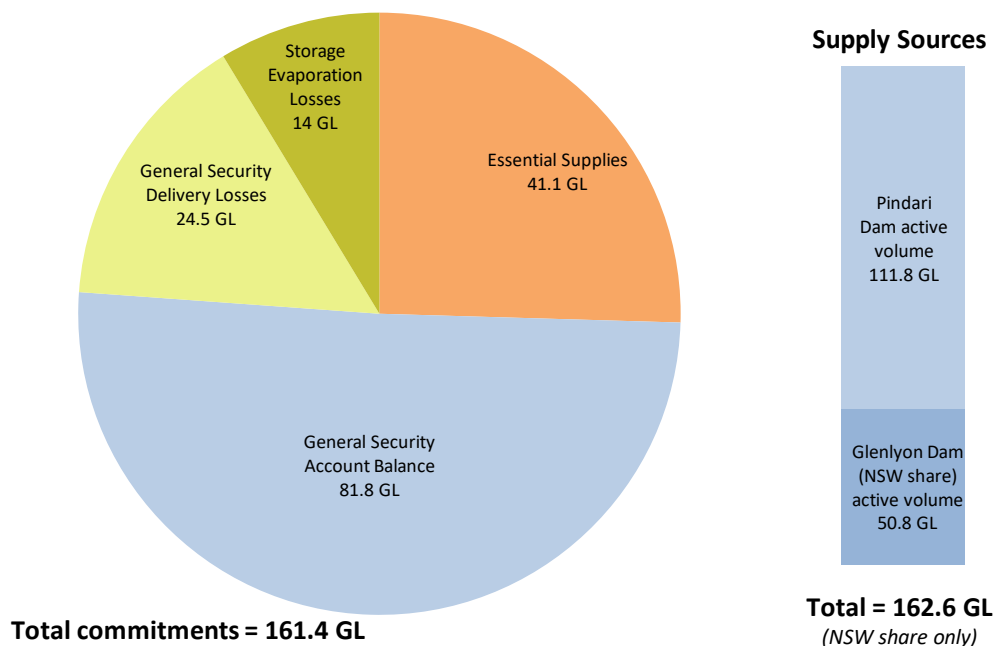
Notes:

- (1) This includes Pindari Dam and the NSW share of Glenlyon Dam, as of 1 April 2025. In accordance with the New South Wales - Queensland Border Rivers Intergovernmental Agreement 2008, NSW has access to 57% of net inflows into Glenlyon Dam.
- (2) Water required to be set aside under water sharing plans to provide for domestic, stock, towns, high security, replenishment, stimulus release (4GL), delivery loss and operational requirements. This commitment is assisted by the

minimum forecast inflows to storage. The full reserve is 41.1 GL. If depleted, this reserve is replenished first prior to allocation increment.

- (3) The general security account balance includes 2.81 GL of held environmental water (HEW) administered by environmental water holder/s. These environmental entitlements are held and/or managed either singly or jointly by various environmental water holder groups including the NSW Government and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH).
- (4) A reserve reflecting budgeted loss to deliver general security water. Traditionally, a 30% delivery loss has been budgeted for this river system. The loss reserve is continually assessed, and if depleted it is topped-up as a priority from resource improvements, to ensure that allocated water can be delivered.
- (5) Storage evaporation loss is based on forecast storage depletion over the next 24 months.
- (6) Surplus (or deficit) of water available after accounting for all commitments. There is a small surplus which will be rolled over to the next assessment.

Resource Distribution as at 1 April 2025 NSW Border Rivers Water Source



Water allocation in 2024/25

Date	License Category	Increment	Total 2024/25	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/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 (A class)	0.10 ML/unit share	0.10 ML/unit share	17%
1-Jul	General Security (B class)	0.00 ML/unit share	0.00 ML/unit share	54%
28-Oct	General Security (A class)	0.08 ML/unit share	0.18 ML/unit share	23%
13-Jan	General Security (A class)	0.29 ML/unit share	0.47 ML/unit share	50%
29-Jan	General Security (A class)	0.53 ML/unit share	1.00 ML/unit share*	75%

* Maximum allowable as per the water sharing plan.

Water allocation guide

The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water produced 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

Allocations to general security accounts are assessed and announced soon after the receipt of bulk resource distribution from Dumaresq-Barwon Border Rivers Commission.

Information on available water determinations and water sharing plans is available on the department's website: [NSW Government Water](#)

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