

03 March 2025

Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source

Water allocation update

General security (GS) access licenses in the Murrumbidgee regulated river water source have received an allocation increase of 2% of entitlement and conveyance entitlements have also received their commensurate allocation increases.

The increment brings the cumulative GS allocation this water year to 39%. Incorporating average carryover of 27%, the total water available in 2024/25 to date has been 66%. The resource improvement underpinning the allocation increase announced today has been a combination of reasonably good overall catchment inflows and better than budgeted losses.

The higher priority reserve, approximately 189 GL, for the opening allocation of the 2025/26 water year has been secured.

This resource assessment is based on information as end of February 2025. Any resource changes from this date will be captured in the next routine statement in mid of March 2025.

Current allocation

03 March 2025	Allocation Increment	Account Balance
General Security	2%	542 GL

Storage volume (as of 03 March 2025)

- Blowering Dam is about 36 % full – holding about 609 GL.
- Burrinjuck Dam is about 50 % full – holding about 512 GL.

Climate outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology's monthly outlook for March 2025 indicates that rainfall is unlikely to exceed the median threshold for the upper catchment while better chances of exceeding above median on the lower catchment, for the month of March. Above average maximum temperatures are very likely (greater than 80% chance) for most of Australia, while above average minimum temperatures are very likely (greater than 80% chance) across almost all of Australia.

For further details: [Overview — Summary - Climate Outlooks \(bom.gov.au\)](https://www.bom.gov.au/outlook/summary-climate/)

Trade

Trade out of Murrumbidgee is open and trade into the Murrumbidgee is closed. The current Murrumbidgee IVT account balance is 0.7 GL (as of 26 February 2025). The Murrumbidgee IVT account is operated between limits of 0 GL and 100 GL however the balance can move rapidly. Water users should monitor the [WaterNSW Website](#) for daily information about the IVT account balance, the status of trade, and other important information. The information presented in this statement is current at the time of writing.

Resources assessment data sheet (new version)

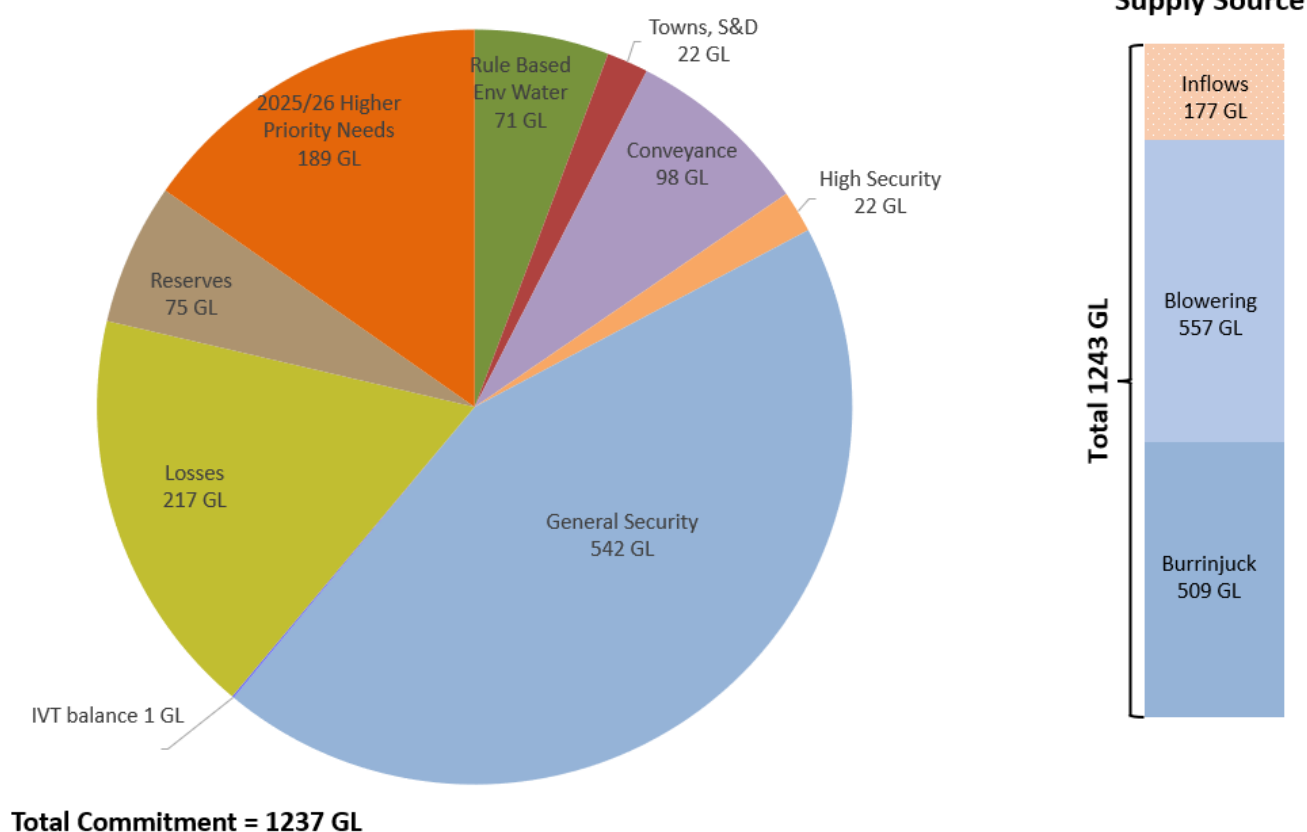
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Resource Distribution (3 Mar 2025 to 30 Jun 2026)	Volume (GL)
Current Resources ⁽¹⁾	1,243
<i>less</i>	
Environmental Water balance ⁽²⁾	71
Domestic, Stock and Town balance	22
Conveyance balance	98
High Security balance	22
General Security balance ⁽³⁾	542
Murrumbidgee IVT balance ⁽⁴⁾	1
Losses (03/25 to 6/25) ⁽⁵⁾	217
Reserves (operational and PSV1&2) ⁽⁶⁾	75
2025/26 Higher Priority reserve ⁽⁷⁾	189
<i>equals</i>	
Surplus (or Deficit) ⁽⁸⁾	6

Notes:

- 1) Active storage volume behind Blowering (discounted for any flex from SHL) and Burrinjuck Dams at the day of assessment, plus any usable flows in transit, plus minimum inflows for the rest of the year, plus expected regulated inflow from Snowy Hydro. For information, Snowy Hydro's net Jounama Release into Blowering since 1/5/24 has been about 690 GL (as of 26/2/25).
- 2) This includes end-of-system flow requirements (39 GL) and environmental water allowances (EWA1 = 32 GL, EWA2 = 0 GL, EWA3 = 0 GL).
- 3) Current balance of water in GS accounts. The volume includes water carried over from last year, new AWD this year minus usage to date. Both consumptive and Held Environmental Water (HEW) GS are reported here.
- 4) Inter Valley Trade account current balance as of 26/02/25.
- 5) Losses reflect the conservative estimate of the volume required to run the river to meet demands for the remainder of the water year. This includes storage evaporation, transmission and operational loss.
- 6) Reserves – required primarily under statutory plans, and mainly used for emergency purposes and critical needs. Includes 25 GL per dam as an operational reserve, and Provisional Storage Volumes (PSV1 =25 GL, PSV2 = nil).
- 7) Volume set aside for full opening allocation to higher priority needs on 1/7/2025. The current estimate of the required reserve is 189 GL, which has now been fully reserved.
- 8) Surplus or (deficit)-there is a small surplus which will be rolled over to next month's assessment.

Murrumbidgee resource balance as of 03 March 2025



Held environmental water (HEW)

License Category	Share component (GL)	2024/25 volume (GL)*	Account balance (GL)
General Security	469	280	103
High Security	16	15	5
Conveyance	81	64	25

* water allocated 2024/25 plus water carried over on 1/7/24

Held Environmental Water entitlements are managed either individually or jointly by various environmental groups, including the NSW Government, The Living Murray, and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder. The figures in the above table are approximate. For detailed information, please refer to the individual agency websites.

Allocations in 2024/25

Date	License Category	Increment	Total 2024/25
1-July	DOMESTIC AND STOCK	100%*	100%*
1-July	LOCAL WATER UTILITY	100%*	100%*
1-July	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY)	0.95 ML/unit share	0.95 ML/unit share
1-July	SUPPLEMENTARY WATER	1.00 ML/unit share*	1.00 ML/unit share *
1-July	SUPPLEMENTARY WATER (LOWBIDGEE)	1.00 ML/unit share *	1.00 ML/unit share *
1-July	COLEAMBALLY IRRIGATION (CONVEYANCE)	0.8585 ML/unit share	0.8585 ML/unit share
1-July	MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION (CONVEYANCE)	0.7179 ML/unit share	0.7179 ML/unit share
1-July	REGULATED RIVER (CONVEYANCE)	0.28 ML/unit share	0.28 ML/unit share
1-July	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	0.28 ML/unit share	0.28 ML/unit share
15-Jul	COLEAMBALLY IRRIGATION (CONVEYANCE)	0 ML/unit share	0.8585 ML/unit share
15-Jul	MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION (CONVEYANCE)	0.034 ML/unit share	0.7519 ML/unit share
15-Jul	REGULATED RIVER (CONVEYANCE)	0.05 ML/unit share	0.33 ML/unit share
15-Jul	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	0.05 ML/unit share	0.33 ML/unit share
2-Sep	COLEAMBALLY IRRIGATION (CONVEYANCE)	0 ML/unit share	0.8585 ML/unit share
2-Sep	MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION (CONVEYANCE)	0.0068 ML/unit share	0.7587 ML/unit share
2-Sep	REGULATED RIVER (CONVEYANCE)	0.01 ML/unit share	0.34 ML/unit share
2-Sep	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	0.01 ML/unit share	0.34 ML/unit share

Date	License Category	Increment	Total 2024/25
15-Jan	COLEAMBALLY IRRIGATION (CONVEYANCE)	0 ML/unit share	0.8585 ML/unit share
15-Jan	MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION (CONVEYANCE)	0.0068 ML/unit share	0.7655 ML/unit share
15-Jan	REGULATED RIVER (CONVEYANCE)	0.01 ML/unit share	0.35 ML/unit share
15-Jan	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	0.01 ML/unit share	0.35 ML/unit share
17-Feb	COLEAMBALLY IRRIGATION (CONVEYANCE)	0.0117 ML/unit share	0.8702 ML/unit share
17-Feb	MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION (CONVEYANCE)	0.0136 ML/unit share	0.7790 ML/unit share
17-Feb	REGULATED RIVER (CONVEYANCE)	0.02 ML/unit share	0.37 ML/unit share
17-Feb	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	0.02 ML/unit share	0.37 ML/unit share
03-Mar	COLEAMBALLY IRRIGATION (CONVEYANCE)	0.0117 ML/unit share	0.8819 ML/unit share
03-Mar	MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION (CONVEYANCE)	0.0136 ML/unit share	0.7926 ML/unit share
03-Mar	REGULATED RIVER (CONVEYANCE)	0.02 ML/unit share	0.39 ML/unit share
03-Mar	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	0.02 ML/unit share	0.39 ML/unit share

*Maximum allowable

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 following link:

[Resource assessment process | Water \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

Annex

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Resource Distribution (03 March) for 2024/25	Volume (GL)
Total Available Resources in 24/25	2,697
less	

Carryover	515
Planned Environmental Water	71
Domestic, Stock and Town (100%)	74
Reserves (operational and PSV1&2)	75
High Security (95%)	350
Conveyance, including carryover	373
Losses (03/25 to 6/25)	217
Murrumbidgee IVT (carryover remaining from 1 July)	88
General Security (39%)	739
2025/26 higher priority reserve	189

equals

Surplus (or Deficit)	6
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Further information

The next water allocation statement will be published on **Monday, 2:30 pm, 17 March 2025** or earlier if there is significant resource improvement.

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