

7 April 2025

# Namoi Regulated River Water Sources

## Water allocation update

General security (GS) licences in the Lower Namoi regulated river water source have received an allocation increase of 7% of entitlement. The increment takes the total Lower Namoi general security cumulative allocations to 52% of entitlement for the current water year and the account balance to about 258 gigalitres (GL), or 105% of entitlement.

The allocation increment is possible due to good inflow conditions since the last assessment. This resource assessment is based on information to 31 March 2025. Any changes in resources from this date forward will be captured in the next resource assessment.

## Current allocation

7 April 2025	Allocation increment	Average Account Balance
Upper Namoi Regulated River	-	100%*
Lower Namoi Regulated River	7%	105%

\* Reached maximum (100%) on 1 July 2024, and account balance excludes adjustments for temporary trade.

## Storage volume (as of 7 April 2025)

- Split Rock Dam is 76% full - holding around 302 GL.
- Keepit Dam is 53% full - holding around 227 GL.

## Key information

- The newly created Floodplain Harvesting (unregulated river) access licence category on applicable Namoi and Peel Unregulated Rivers water sources received their inaugural allocation of 0.33 megalitres per unit share (ML/unit share) on 18 March 2025.
- Supplementary access entitlement holders are expected to continue their growth-in-use management actions. The opening allocation for supplementary access licenses on 1 July 2025 is likely to be higher than last year's opening announcement but still less than 1ML/share.
- Recent rainfalls triggered supplementary events in several northern rivers. The event announcements can be found in WaterNSW website.
- In March, Keepit Dam and Split Rock Dam inflows were about 25.5 GL and 9.2 GL, respectively.

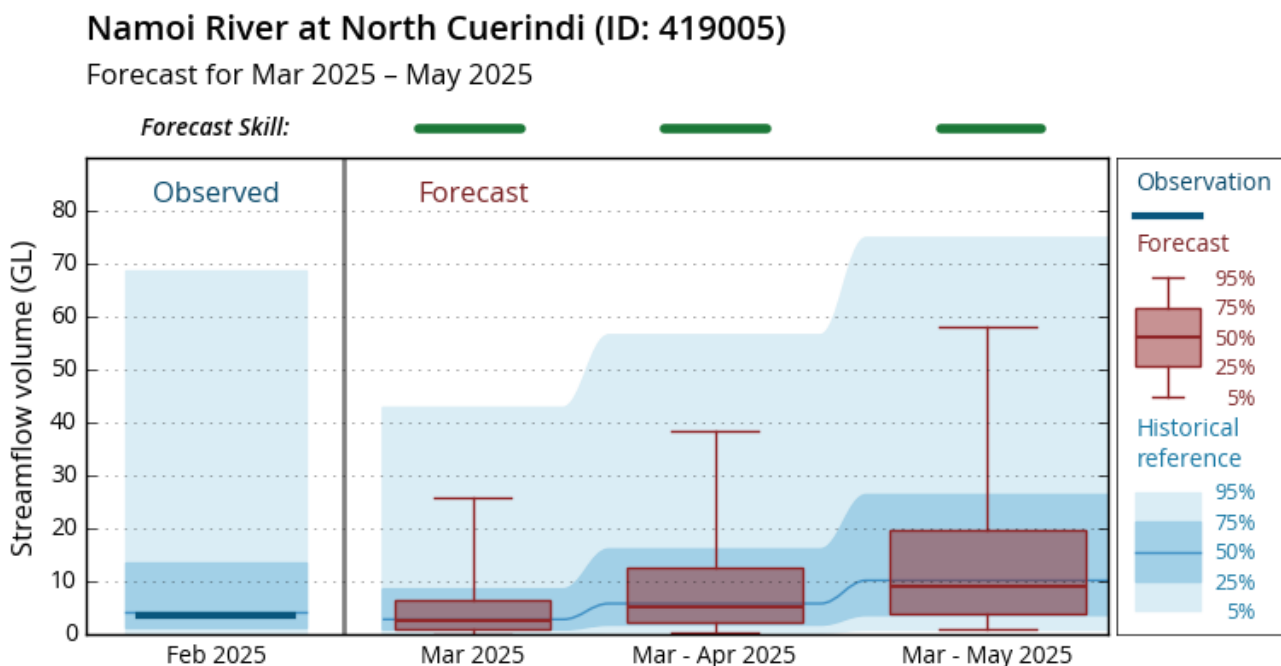
- Based on the current resource assessment, essential supplies are secure for 24 months and beyond. This includes demands from Manilla and Barraba townships.

## Climate and Streamflow Outlooks

The Bureau of Meteorology's Monthly outlook for May 2025 indicates that rainfall is likely to be below median across the catchment. Over this period, maximum temperatures and minimum temperatures are likely to be above median over this period.

For further details, see: [Overview — Summary - Climate Outlooks](#)

The Bureau of Meteorology issues a seasonal flow forecast for the unregulated Namoi River at North Cuerindi (see the figure below). This may indicate potential future inflows into Keepit Dam. The forecast is showing no strong indication of significantly wetter or drier conditions. The graph for March 2025 to May 2025 is given below, and updates can be found at: [Seasonal Streamflow Forecasts: Water Information: Bureau of Meteorology \(bom.gov.au\)](#)



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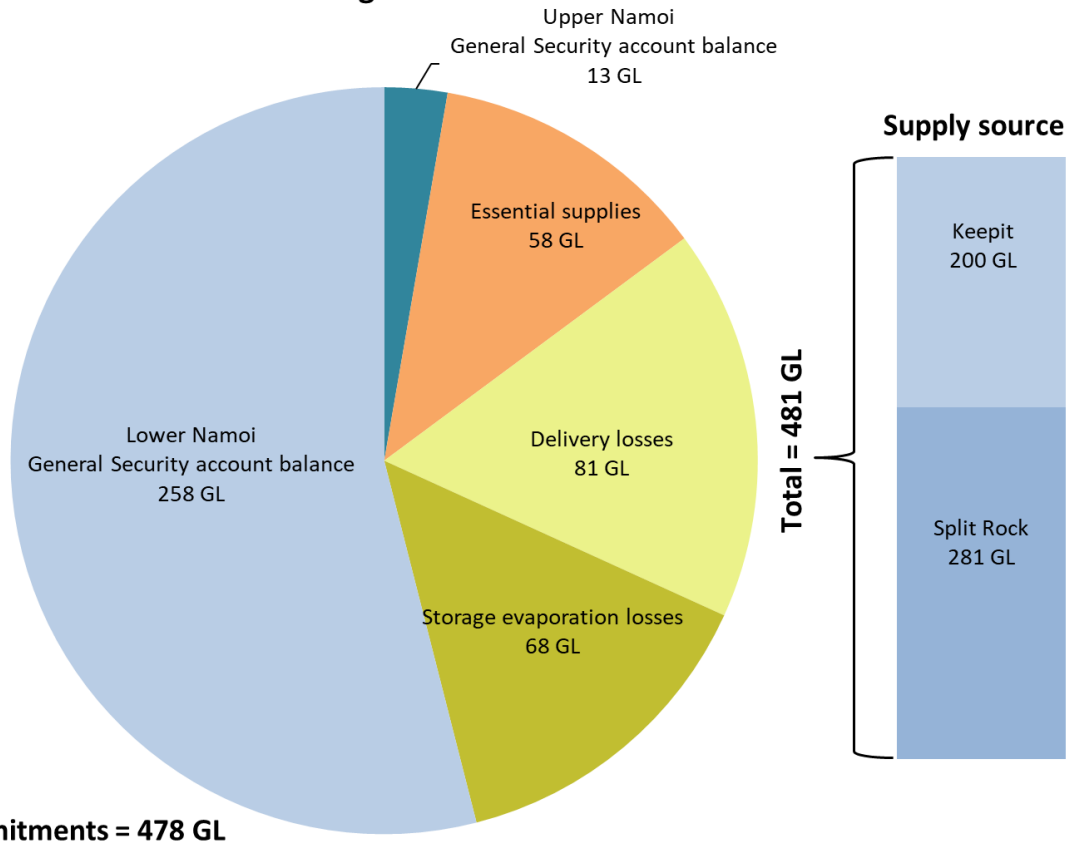
## Resource assessment data sheet

Resource distribution (as of 31 March 2025)	Volume (GL)
Keepit Dam and Split Rock Dam active volumes	481
<i>less</i>	
Storage Evaporation Loss <sup>(1)</sup>	68
Essential Supplies <sup>(2)</sup>	58
Lower Namoi General Security account balance	258
Upper Namoi General Security account balance	13
Delivery Loss <sup>(3)</sup>	81
<i>equals</i>	
Surplus (deficit) <sup>(4)</sup>	3

### Notes:

- (1) Storage evaporation loss is based on projected storage depletion over the next 24 months and experiencing high evaporation heights of June 1918 to May 1920.
- (2) Water is required to be set aside under the water sharing plan to provide for domestic, stock, towns, high security and riverine environments. Includes Gunidgera/Pian stock and domestic replenishments, delivery loss allowance and end-of-system flow requirements. This is offset by the minimum 24 months inflow into storages recorded over June 1918 to May 1920.
- (3) Delivery loss budget reflects the water reserved 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 necessary, topped-up as a priority from resource improvements, to ensure that allocated water can be delivered in most circumstances.
- (4) Surplus (or deficit) of water available after accounting for all commitments. There is a small surplus which will be rolled over to the next month's resource assessment.

### Resource Distribution as of 31 March 2025 Namoi Regulated River Water Sources



**Total commitments = 478 GL**

### Namoi resource assessment

- Previous Assessment date: 28 February 2025
- Current Assessment date: 31 March 2025

Storage volume	Committed Volume (GL)	Remaining Balance (GL)
Split Rock plus Keepit		491.2
Dead storage	9.7	481.5
Storage evaporation loss	66.2	415.3
<b>Essential Supplies</b>		
Brought forward from last assessment	58.2	
Uses and associated loss since last assessment	-0.8	
Allocation assignment from High Security to General Security	-0.5	
Transfer to General Security delivery loss	-0.2	
Current balance	56.8	358.5
<b>Upper Namoi/Manilla Rivers</b>		

Brought forward from last assessment	13.3	
Ordered since last assessment	0.0	
Allocation assignments from Upper Namoi to Lower Namoi	-0.1	
Allocation assignments from Lower Namoi to Upper Namoi	0.0	
Current balance	13.2	345.2
<b>General Security (D/S Keepit)</b>		
Brought forward from last assessment	246.1	
Orders since assessment period	-5.7	
Allocation assignments into Lower Namoi (from HS & Upper Namoi)	0.6	
Allocation assignments to Upper Namoi (from Lower Namoi g/s)	0.0	
Current balance	241.0	104.2
<b>Delivery Loss</b>		
Brought forward from last assessment	77.8	
Apparent losses since last assessment	-4.6	
Credit from Essential Supplies (for allocation assignments to GS)	0.2	
Current balance	73.4	30.9
<b>Apparent Losses since last assessment</b>	<b>% of loss</b>	<b>GL</b>
Total		5.0
Essential supply loss	7%	0.4
General Security loss	93%	4.6
<b>Resource available for sharing</b>		
Total		30.9

## Resource assessment data sheet as of 31 March 2025

Volumes in GL	Budget	Current	Additional	Balance
Storage Evaporation Loss	67.8	66.2	1.6	67.8
Essential Supplies for next 24 months (58.2 GL max)	58.2	56.8	1.5	58.2
General Security Delivery Loss	81.4	73.4	8.0	81.4
Upper Namoi General Security (12.1 GL max)*		13.2	0.0	13.2
Lower Namoi General Security (491.2 GL max)*		241.0	16.9	257.9
Additional Resource for Sharing		30.9	-28.0	2.9

Total	481.5	0.0	481.5
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\*Temporary trade may exceed this limit.

Lower Namoi (General Security)	Value	Unit
Incremental Increase CREDITED	16.9	GL
Available Water Determination	0.07	ML per unit share

## Upper Namoi water allocation in 2024/25

Date	License Category	Increment	Total 2024/25
1-Jul	Domestic & Stock	100%*	100%*
1-Jul	Local Water Utility	100%*	100%*
1-Jul	High Security	1.00 ML/unit share*	1.00 ML/share*
1-Jul	General Security	1.00 ML/unit share*	1.00 ML/share*

\* Maximum allowable.

## Lower Namoi water allocation in 2024/25

Date	License 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	0.42 ML/unit share	0.42 ML/unit share	42%
7-Aug	General Security	0.13 ML/unit share	0.13 ML/unit share	134%
6-Sep	General Security	0.14 ML/unit share	0.27 ML/unit share	146%
8-Oct	General Security	0.07 ML/unit share	0.34 ML/unit share	149%
7-Nov	General Security	0.05 ML/unit share	0.39 ML/unit share	147%
6-Dec	General Security	0.01 ML/unit share	0.40 ML/unit share	141%
7-Feb	General Security	0.03 ML/unit share	0.43 ML/unit share	110%
7-Mar	General Security	0.02 ML/unit share	0.45 ML/unit share	100%
7-Apr	General Security	0.07 ML/unit share	0.52 ML/unit share	105%

\* Maximum allowable.

## Storage volume simulation

Storage outlook for the assessment horizon is provided below. It shows that with current commitments and an assumed repeat of historical minimum inflows and median inflows together with forecast demands, the combined storage of Keepit and Split Rock Dams will reduce to a minimum by the end of December 2026 then begin to recover by January 2027.

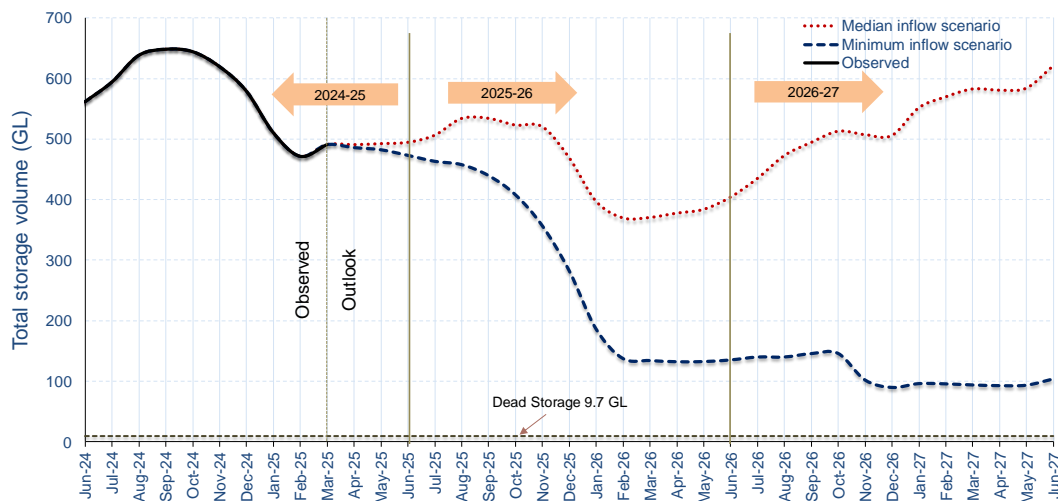


Figure 1: Combined Keepit and Split Rock storage volumes

## 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 these water sources is available at the link below.

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

## Further information

The next routine monthly water allocation statement for this water source will be available on Wednesday, 7 May 2025.

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

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