

20 May 2025

Belubula Regulated River Water Source

Water allocation update

There is no allocation increase to General Security (GS) entitlements in the Belubula Regulated River Water Source for this period. Total general security water availability is about 22,183 megalitres (ML) or an average of 99% of entitlement, all of which were carried forward from the 2023/24 water year. The total account balance for individual licenses cannot exceed 110% of entitlement.

This resource assessment is based on information to 30 April 2025. Any changes in resources since that date will be captured in the next resources assessment.

Current allocation

20 May 2025	Allocation Increment	Average Account Balance
General Security	0%	99%

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 is secure for the 2025/26.
- All higher priority water access licence holders, including stock and domestic, and high security, can expect their maximum (100%) allocations on 1 July.
- Unused water in general security accounts will be carried forward on 1 July 2025. The volume will remain fully deliverable in 2025/26. Note that maximum volume that can be held in general security accounts is 1.1 ML per unit share.
- Very little general security licensed water has been used in this water year, with approximately 1300 ML (or 6%) recorded since the last assessment. Carcoar storage remained near full as usage was low, which means there has been little opportunity to capture new water for

allocation increment. Consequently, no opening allocation is envisaged for the general security users on 1 July.

- Supplementary water access licence holders can expect their maximum (100%) allocation on 1 July 2025. However, access to this water is subject to periods of declared supplementary flow events.

Storage levels (as of 20 May 2025)

Carcoar Dam is currently 92% full - holding about 33,089 ML.

Climate and streamflow outlooks

The Bureau of Meteorology’s Monthly outlook for June 2025 to August 2025 indicates that it is likely around the median rainfall across the catchment while 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 \(bom.gov.au\)](https://www.bom.gov.au/australia/summary/summary-climate-outlooks/)

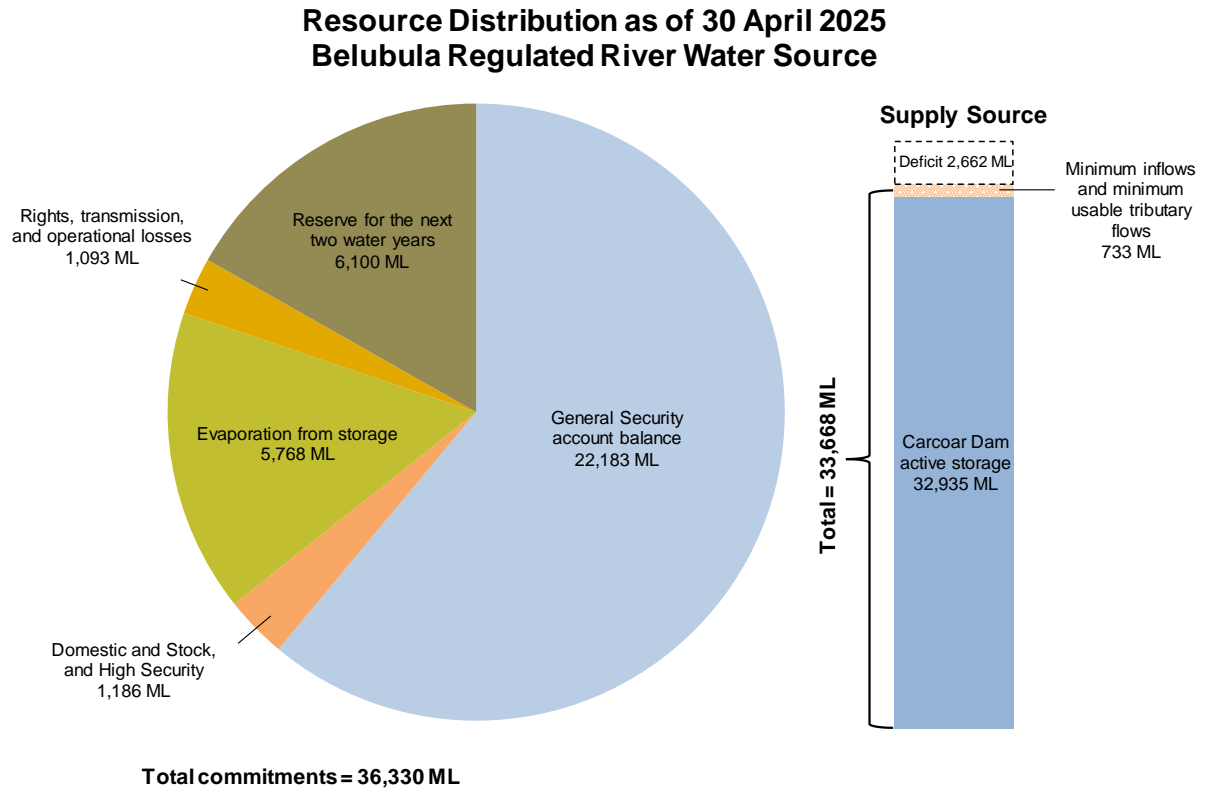
Belubula resource assessment data sheet

Resource Distribution (May 2025 to June 2027)	Volume (ML)
Current and Future Resources ⁽¹⁾	33,668
<i>less</i>	
Domestic and Stock, and High Security balance	1,186
General Security balance	22,183
Evaporation from storage ⁽²⁾	5,768
Rights, transmission, and operational losses ⁽³⁾	1,093
Storage reserve for 2025/26 and 2026/27 ⁽⁴⁾	6,100
<i>equals</i>	
Surplus (or Deficit) ⁽⁵⁾	(2,662)

Notes:

- (1) Active storage volume in Carcoar Dam at the end of April 2025 (net of 300 ML of dead storage) plus minimum historical dam inflows and usable tributary flows budgeted from May 2025 to June 2025.
- (2) Evaporation loss from May to June 2025. In addition, this includes extra evaporation from General Security volume carried over and used over next 2 water years.
- (3) Conservative estimate of the pro-rated volume required to run the river to end of this water year. This will meet all non-licence-based demands and delivery overheads. This mostly comprises basic landholder rights, transmission losses, end of system flows, minimum Carcoar dam release, and operational losses under dry conditions.

- (4) Required volume to ensure full utilisation of 100% allocation to all higher priority licence holders, rights and minimum flow targets for next two years. The reserve is inclusive of delivery and evaporation loss related to higher priority demands. This volume is net of the minimum inflow budget in 2025/26 and 2026/27.
- (5) Surplus (or deficit) of water available after accounting for all commitments. There is a small deficit which will be closely monitored.



Allocation in 2024/25 for Belubula regulated river water source

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	105%

*Maximum allowable

Useful links

- Water allocation guide – The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) 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 | NSW Government Water](#)
- 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 Belubula Regulated River Water Source 2012](#)

Further information

The next water allocation statement for this water source will be included in the state-wide opening water allocation statements on Tuesday, 6 am, 1 July 2025.

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