

22 May 2025

# Richmond Regulated River Water Source

## Water allocation update

There is no change to allocations in the Richmond Regulated River Water Source. This statement is to provide an update on the water sharing and regulated river resource conditions.

All the higher priorities and general security (GS) licence categories received their maximum opening allocation of 100% on 1 July 2024. The demand for general security water has been minimal for this water year (about 1% of entitlement as of 30 April 2025).

The current resource assessment has returned a surplus of 844 megalitres (ML). However, since all licences have already been fully allocated, this surplus remains unassigned. It will instead improve allocation reliability for the 2025/26 water year.

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

## Current allocation

22 May 2025	Allocation Increment	Average Account Balance
General Security	-	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 that water remaining in all accounts in this water source will be forfeited after 30 June 2025 followed by opening allocation next day.

- Water for all critical consumptive and non-consumptive needs are secured for 2025/26.
- All higher priority water access licence holders including, 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. The preliminary forecast

indicates that the opening general security allocation could be as high as 100% of their entitlement.

## Storage volume (as of 22 May 2025)

Toonumbar Dam is currently holding about 11.3 GL and is about 102% full.

## Climate outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology's seasonal outlook for June to August 2025 indicates that rainfall across the catchment is likely to be above median. Over this period, maximum temperatures and minimum temperatures are likely to be above median in the catchment.

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

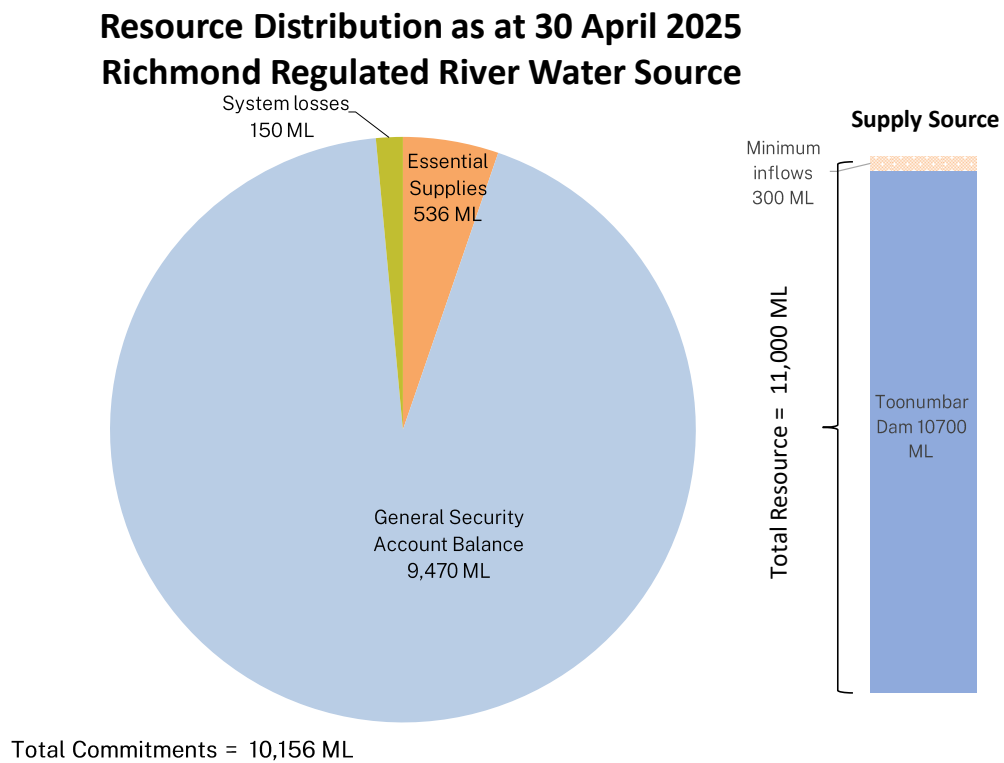
## Resource assessment data sheet

Resource Distribution – (May 2025 to June 2025)	Volume (ML)
Toonumbar Dam active storage volume <sup>1</sup>	10,700
Minimum storage inflows (1/6/2025 to 30/6/2025) <sup>2</sup>	300
Less	
Basic Land Holder Rights	15
Domestic and Stock balance	13
Transparent releases	61
Minimum storage releases	333
High Security balance	114
General Security balance	9,470
Losses (evaporation, transmission, operation) <sup>3</sup>	150
Storage reserve for 2025/26 <sup>4</sup>	0
<i>Equals</i>	
Surplus (or Deficit) <sup>5</sup>	844

### Notes:

- (1) Toonumbar Dam as of 1 May 2025, capped at active full supply volume.
- (2) Minimum inflow is budgeted from 1 June 2025 to 30 June 2025. May inflow is ignored as the storage is currently full and unable to capture additional inflows in May.
- (3) Storage evaporation loss, system transmission loss and operational loss are pro-rated for the remaining months of the water year from 1 June 2025 to 30 June 2025. Storage evaporation loss, system transmission loss and operational loss from 1 June 2025 onwards as the storage is spilling and unregulated flows are covering May losses.

- (4) Storage reserve is the water that is set aside to meet future system losses plus essential requirements net of minimum inflows. In this case, the budgeted minimum inflows will be sufficient to cover the essential supply and system loss requirements for 2025/26 and beyond.
- (5) Surplus (or Deficit) of available water after accounting for all commitments. As all relevant accounts are allocated to its maximum limit, this volume remains unallocated, improving the allocation reliability for the next water year.



## Water allocation in 2024/25

Date	License Category	Increment	Total 2024/25	Average Account Balance
1-Jul	Domestic & Stock	100%	100%*	100%*
1-Jul	High Security	1.0 ML/unit share	1.0 ML/unit share*	100%*
1-Jul	General Security	1.0 ML/unit share	1.0 ML/unit share*	100%*

\* Maximum allowed

## Water sharing plan rules

- Domestic and Stock licences are to receive an allocation of 100% of their share component at the start of the water year. No carryover of unused water is permitted.

- High Security licences can receive up to 1.00 ML per unit share based on the resource availability. No carryover of unused water is permitted.
- General Security accounts cannot carryover unused water into next water year. The total allocation in a year must not exceed 1.00 ML per unit share.

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## 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 Richmond River Area Unregulated, Regulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2023](#)

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## Further information

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

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