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NSW Border Rivers Water allocation update

Allocations

NSW Border Rivers regulated river water source general security (B class) access licences have received an **increase in allocation of 1.13 per cent, bringing their total for the 2017-18 water year to 15.83 per cent of entitlement.**

This increase in allocation is the result of small gain in the Pindari storage from rainfall events in the latter half of November.

NSW Border Rivers regulated river water source general security (A class) access licences, together with all other high priority licences received their maximum allocation for the 2017/18 water year on 1 July 2017.

	High Security	General Security A Class	General Security B Class
NSW Border Rivers	100%	100%	15.83%

Dam levels (9 January 2018)

- Pindari Dam is currently 86 per cent full – falling – holding 268 gigalitres (GL). This compares with 99 per cent at this time last year.
- Glenlyon Dam is currently 69 per cent full – falling – holding 174 GL. This compares with 70 per cent at this time last year.

Seasonal rainfall outlook

The rainfall outlook for summer (January to March), issued by the Bureau of Meteorology on 21 December 2017, indicates that the catchment is likely to experience wetter than average conditions over the next three months. Daytime and night-time temperatures are also likely to be cooler in the region.

La Niña conditions are present in the tropical Pacific Ocean. This event is forecast to be short-lived and weak.

Further information

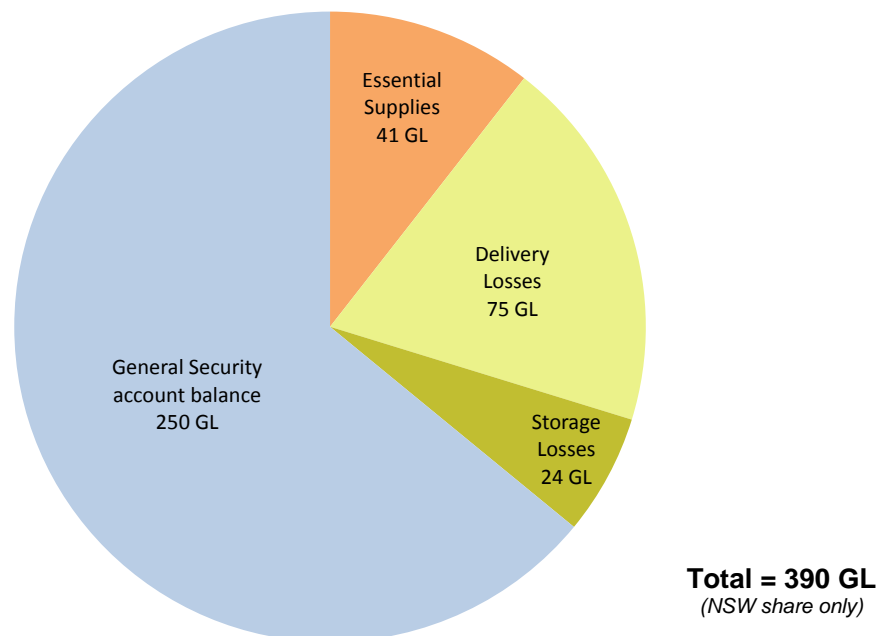
Conditions are being constantly monitored and any significant changes in water availability or outlook will be announced accordingly.

NSW Border Rivers Resource Assessment

Distribution of NSW Resources (as at 1 December 2017)	
	Volume (GL)
Total available resource (NSW) ⁽¹⁾	389.92
Less	
Storage losses ⁽²⁾	24.14
Essential supplies ⁽³⁾	41.10
General security account balance (including new allocation) ^{(4),(6)}	249.74
General security delivery losses ⁽⁵⁾	74.94

*See notes below

Distribution of NSW Resources as at 1 December 2017 NSW Border Rivers



Notes:

- (1) Total available resource – NSW's share of the water resources (Pindari Dam and Glenlyon Dam) at the time of the assessment.
- (2) Storage loss – evaporation losses.
- (3) Essential supplies – water required to be set aside under water sharing plans to provide for Towns, Stock, Domestic, High Security and Environmental Water provisions.
- (4) General security account balance –includes the new allocation.
- (5) General security delivery losses – budgeted at 30 per cent of the volume of water allocated to general security licences.
- (6) Held environmental water (HEW) – as a trial, general security account water administered by environmental water holders has been identified as a component of General Security licences. In this case, of the 250 GL of General Security account balance, 0.8 GL is held by environmental water holder/s and the remaining 249.2 GL by irrigators. This reporting of held environmental water is indicative only and prior to reconciliation of usage and net trade. These entitlements are held and/or managed either singly or jointly by various environmental holder groups, including the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH). Interested parties should refer to individual Agency websites for more detailed information on held environmental holdings.