

Region 9 Ordinary Meeting

AGENDA

Location:	Leeton Shire Council 23-25 Chelmsford Place, Leeton
Time/date:	Friday, November 23 – 10.30am

1. **WELCOME**
Mayor Paul Maytom, Leeton Shire Council
2. **ATTENDANCE**
 - 2.1 Attendance
 - 2.2 Apologies
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
4. **MINUTES**
 - 4.1 Minutes of the previous meeting on Friday, May 17, 2018 at 10.30am
5. **BUSINESS ARISING**
6. **REPORTS**
 - 6.1 Chairman's Report
 - 6.2 CEO's report
7. **GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - 7.1 Update on 450GL public consultations
 - 7.2 DOIW Water Allocation Presentation September 2018
 - 7.3 Member Councils to consider nominating General Managers and officers to strengthen region support
 - 7.4 Encouraging MDA membership of non-member Councils
8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Date: 7 March 2018
9. **CLOSE**

The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks Leeton Shire Council for its support in hosting this meeting of Region 9.



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CEO's Report November 2018

Previous appointments

Date	Appointment	Location
October 5-10	Meetings with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New South Wales Department of Industry • National Carp Control Plan • Commonwealth Environmental Water Office • Department of Agriculture and Water Resources • Murray-Darling Basin Authority • CSIRO 	Canberra
October 24	Murray-Darling Basin Water Infrastructure Program public meeting	Echuca
October 26	Productivity Commission <i>Murray-Darling Basin Plan: Five-year assessment draft report</i> public hearing	Canberra
October 26	Hon. David Littleproud, Federal Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources	Canberra
November 1	Independent review of the Murray-Darling Basin joint governance agreements	Canberra
November 2	Murray-Darling Basin Water Infrastructure Program public meeting	Deniliquin
November 8	Hon. Tony Burke, Shadow Minister for Environment and Water	Melbourne
November 15	Murray-Darling Basin Water Infrastructure Program local government consultation session	Echuca
November 21-27	Tour of Region 10, 11 and 12	Various locations

Productivity Commission *Murray-Darling Basin Plan: Five-year assessment draft report*

The MDA submitted a 10-page submission to the draft report, which is accessible on both the Productivity Commission and MDA websites.

Public hearings were held in Mildura, Murray Bridge, Shepparton, Dubbo and Canberra during October, with the MDA speaking to its submission at the Canberra event.

Murray-Darling Basin Water Infrastructure Program

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources held 14 public meetings between October 22 and November 6 regarding this program. Four sessions will occur across northern Victoria and southern New South Wales between November 14 and 16.

The MDA has produced a submission regarding the program, available to download from the Our Reports section of the MDA website.

A local government consultation session occurred in Echuca on Thursday, November 15.

Progress on AGM resolutions

Progress relating to resolutions from the past five Murray Darling Association annual general meetings are now available to view online

A website has been created, documenting the outcomes of motions considered during previous AGMs held at Tumut (2014), Barooga (2015), Dubbo (2016), Renmark (2017) and Leeton (2018).

The website has been designed to allow members and stakeholders to track the work of the MDA. Copies of correspondence sent to the relevant government or agency regarding each resolution, as well as responses received, are available to download.

To access the pages, visit the MDA website and click on the "Conference Resolutions" link, located in the Annual Conference menu.

National Conference

Balonne Shire Council and Toowoomba Regional Council will co-host the Murray Darling Association's Jubilee 75th National Conference.

The three-day event will be held at Toowoomba from Tuesday, October 22 to Thursday, October 24, 2019.

The conference - themed *ReGeneration... for a healthy Basin* - will focus on various topics, including regenerative agriculture, renewable energy opportunities; climate change; and the continued implementation of the Basin Plan.

Registrations will open soon, with event details to be available on the MDA website.



Murray-Darling Basin Water Infrastructure Program Local government consultation session

Mercure Port of Echuca
Thursday, November 15, 2018
2.30pm-5.30pm

ATTENDEES

Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

Paul Morris	First Assistant Secretary, Water Division
Fleur Downard	A/g Director, Efficiency Measures Policy Section

Regional peak bodies

Murray River Group of Councils Mayor Cheryl McKinnon – Chair (Loddon Shire Council) Geoff Turner – Executive Officer	Member councils: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Campaspe Shire Council ○ Gannawarra Shire Council ○ Loddon Shire Council ○ Mildura Rural City Council ○ Moira Shire Council ○ Swan Hill Rural City Council
Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation Mayor Kevin Mack – Chair (Albury City Council) Ray Stubbs – Executive Officer	Member councils: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Albury City Council ○ Berrigan Shire ○ Carrathool Shire Council ○ Edward River Council ○ Federation Council ○ Griffith City Council ○ Hay Shire Council ○ Leeton Shire Council ○ Murray River Council ○ Murrumbidgee Council ○ Narrandera Shire Council

Council representatives

City of Greater Bendigo	Cr James Williams
Berrigan Shire	Cr Ross Bodey Cr Roger Reynoldson
Buloke Shire Council	Cr David Pollard
Campaspe Shire Council	Mayor Adrian Weston Cr Neil Pankhurst Cr John Zobec Jason Russell - Chief Executive Officer

Edward River Council	Mayor Norm Brennan Adam McSwain – General Manager
Federation Council	Mayor Patrick Bourke
Griffith City Council	Mayor John Dal Broi Brett Stonestreet – General Manager
Greater Shepparton City Council	Peter Harriott – Chief Executive Officer
Leeton Shire Council	Mayor Paul Maytom
Loddon Shire Council	Mayor Cheryl McKinnon Cr Neil Beattie Phil Pinyon – Chief Executive Officer
Moira Shire Council	Cr Peter Mansfield Mark Henderson – Chief Executive Officer
Murray River Council	Mayor Chris Bilkey
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources	Paul Morris - First Assistant Secretary, Water Division Fleur Downard - A/g Director, Efficiency Measures Policy Section

APOLOGIES

Des Bilske	General Manager, Murray River Council
Adrian Butler	General Manager, Federation Council
Cr Melisa Hederics	Mayor, Wentworth Shire Council
Gerard Jose	Chief Executive Officer, Mildura Rural City Council
Anthony Judd	Chief Executive Officer, Buloke Shire Council
Craig Niemann	Chief Executive Officer, City of Greater Bendigo
Cr Dennis Patterson	Greater Shepparton City Council
Rowan Perkins	General Manager, Berrigan Shire
Ken Ross	Acting General Manager, Wentworth Shire Council

Thirteen councils and two regional peaks, covering 20 local government areas and representing 483,224 people across northern Victoria and southern New South Wales, met on November 15 with the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources regarding the Murray-Darling Basin Water Infrastructure Project socioeconomic impact assessment criteria.



NSW MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED WATER SOURCES

Water Allocations – Current status & allocation update

Dol Water – Neeraj Maini and Priyantha Jayakody (PJ)| Presentation 18 September 2018

This Talk

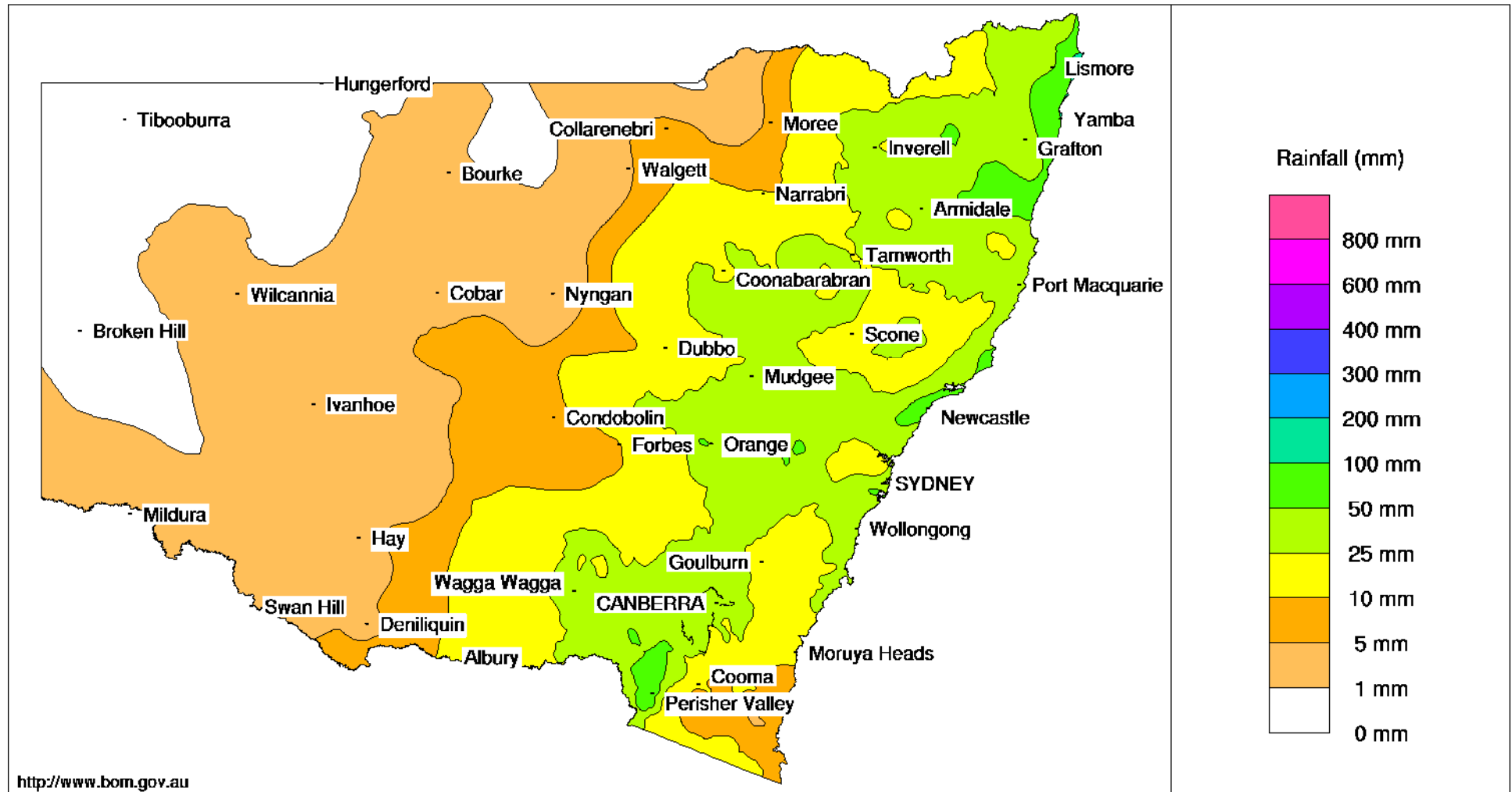
Overview of current status

- Climate
- Inflows
- Snowy contributions

Allocation update as of 17 September 2018

- Status of current water resources
- Allocation scenarios
- Water Allocation Statement

New South Wales Rainfall Totals (mm) 1st to 16th September 2018
 Australian Bureau of Meteorology



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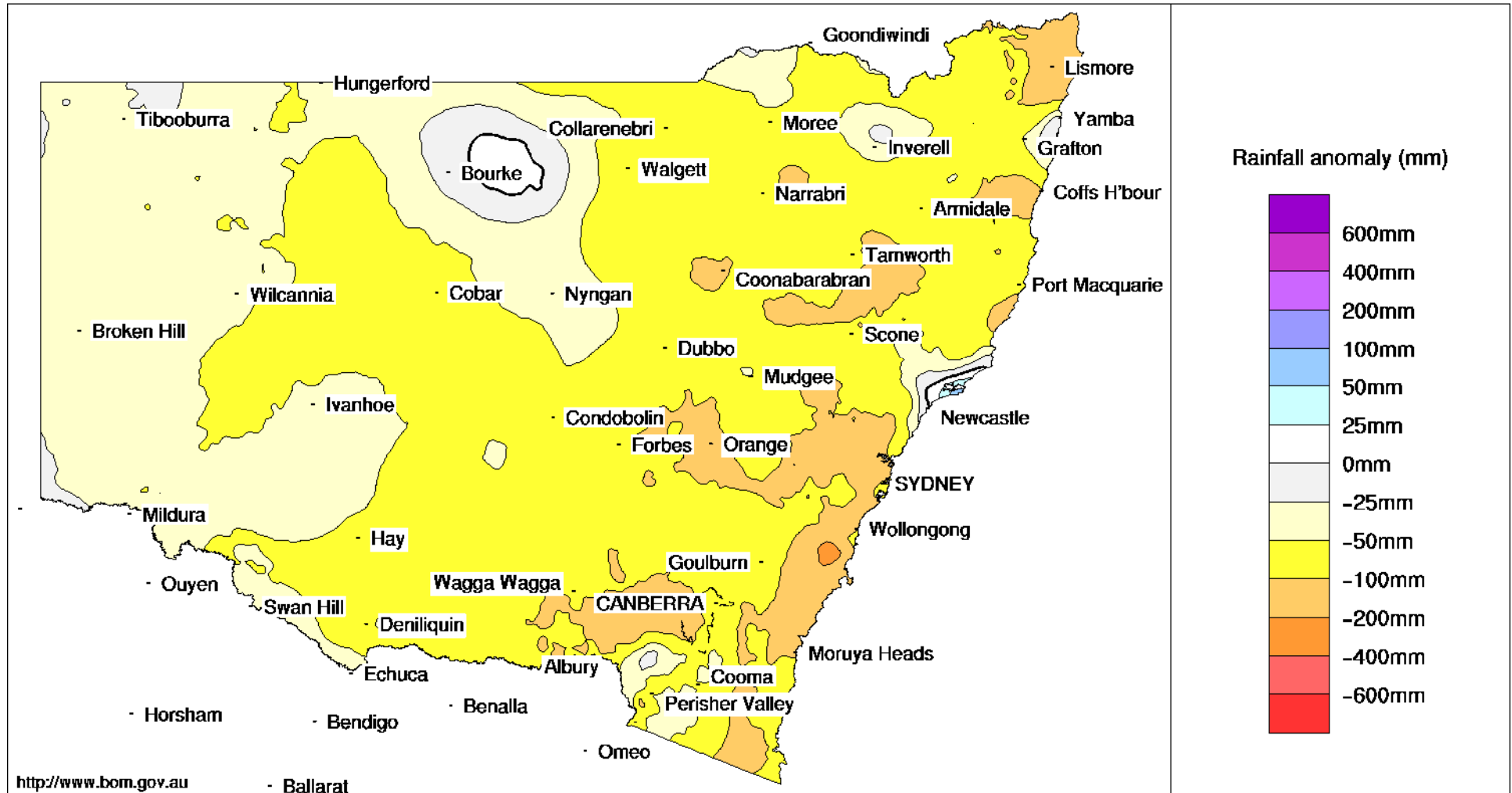
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Rainfall anomalies (mm)

1 June to 31 August 2018

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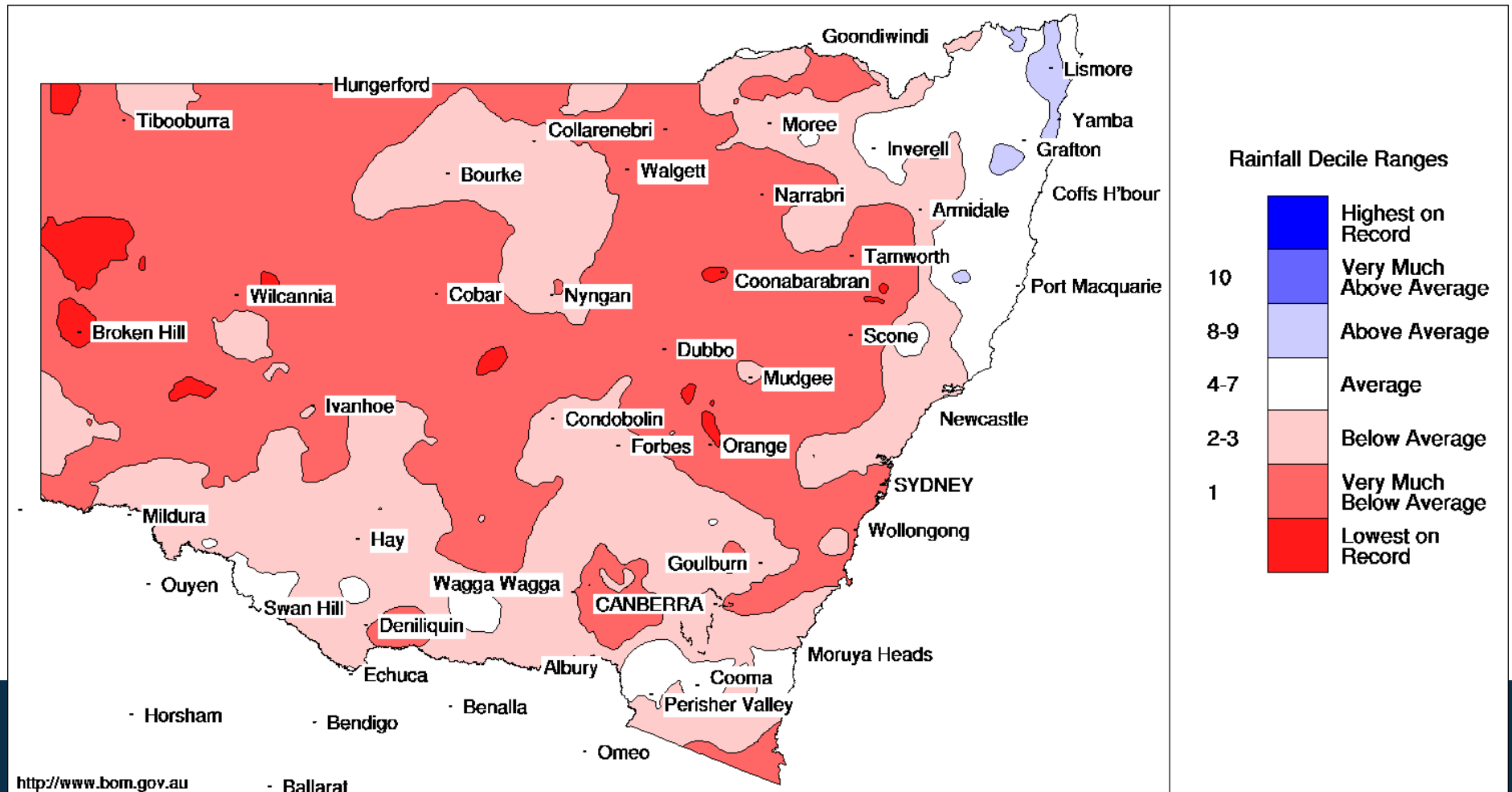
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Rainfall deciles - 18 month

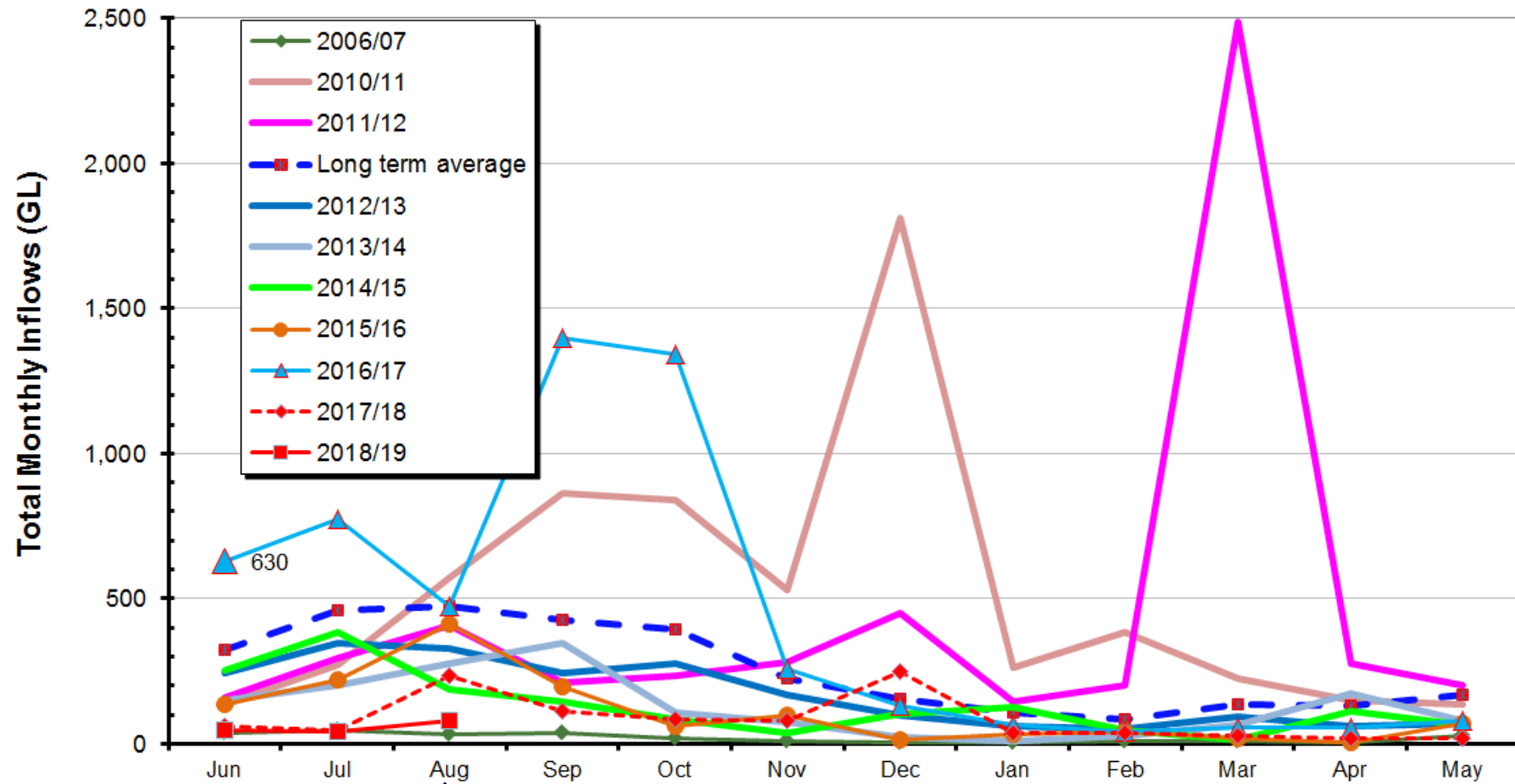
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Distribution Based on Gridded Data
Australian Bureau of Meteorology

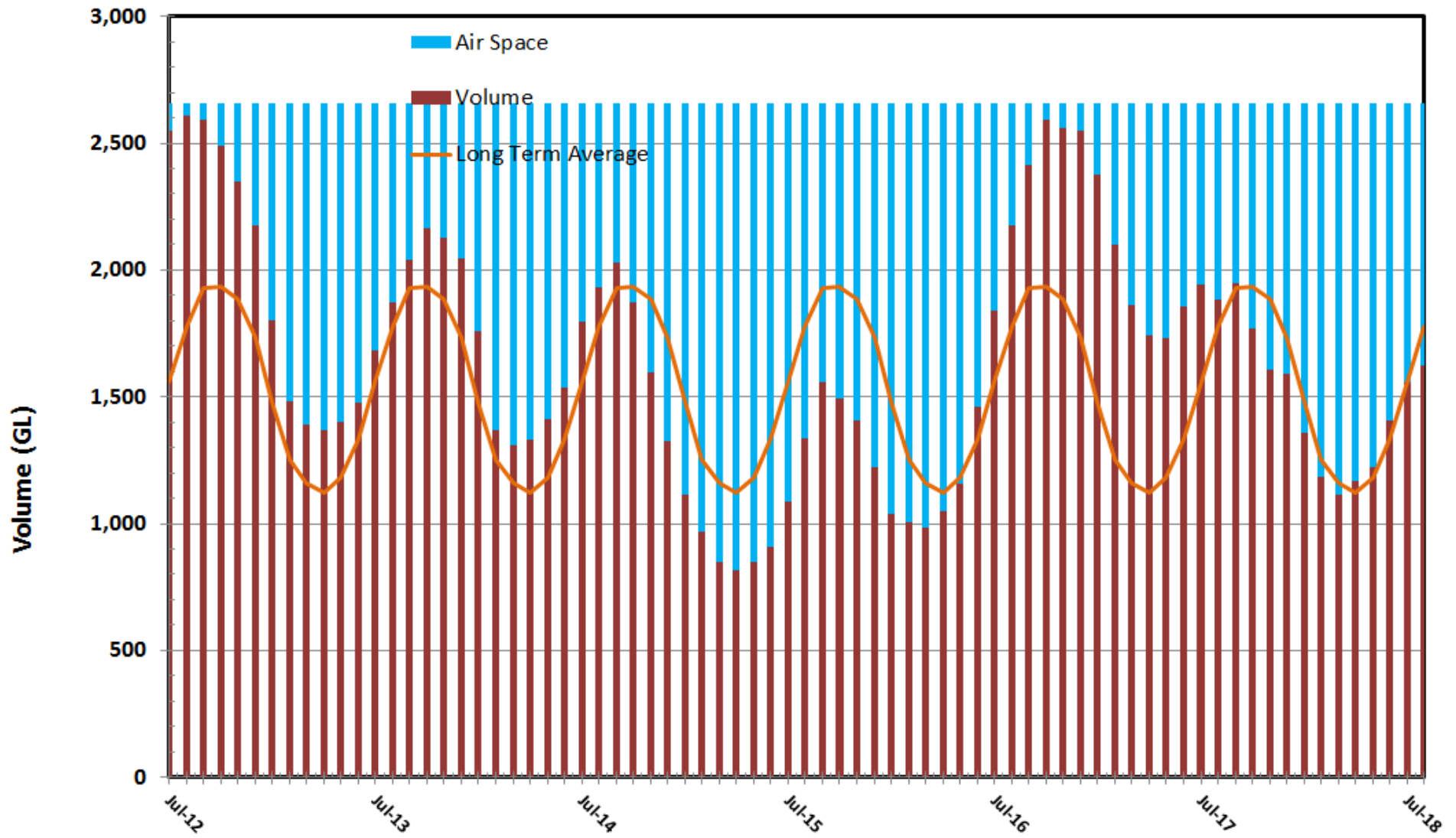


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Total Murrumbidgee Valley System Natural Inflows (excluding Snowy) Selected Drought Years-v-Long term average

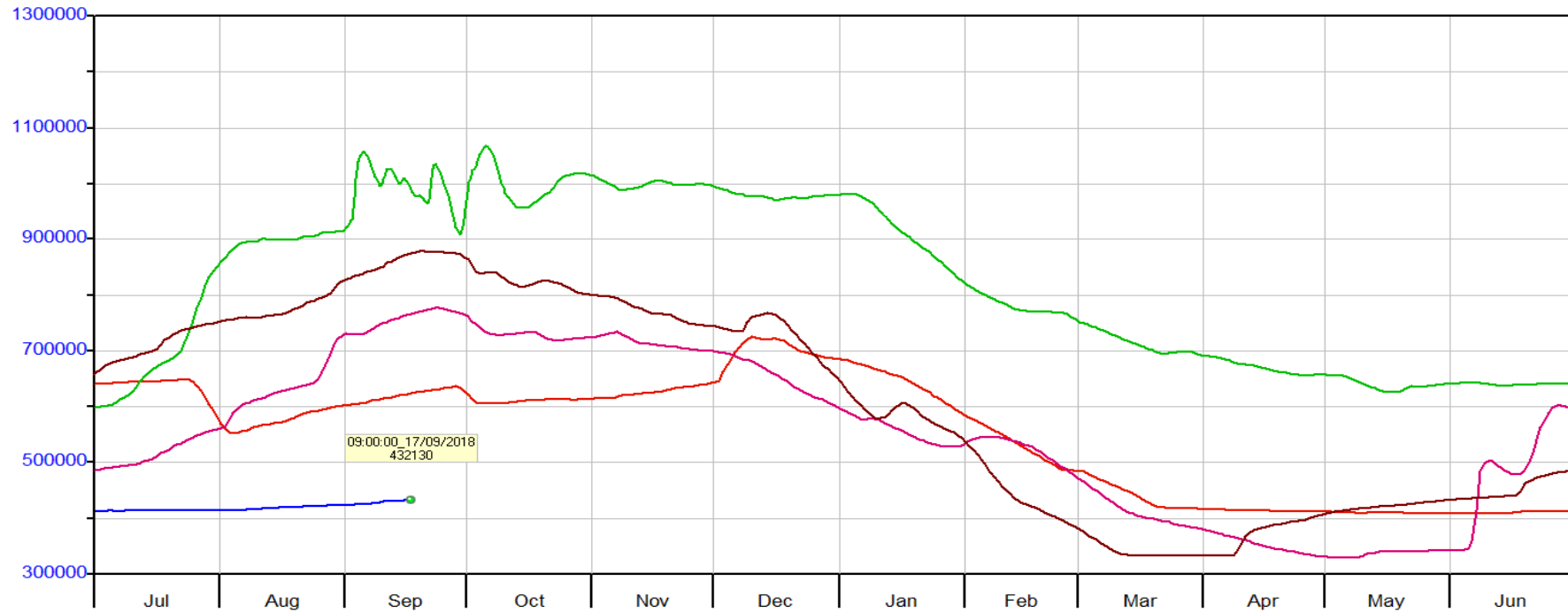


Average Blowering and Burrinjuck Storages (GL)



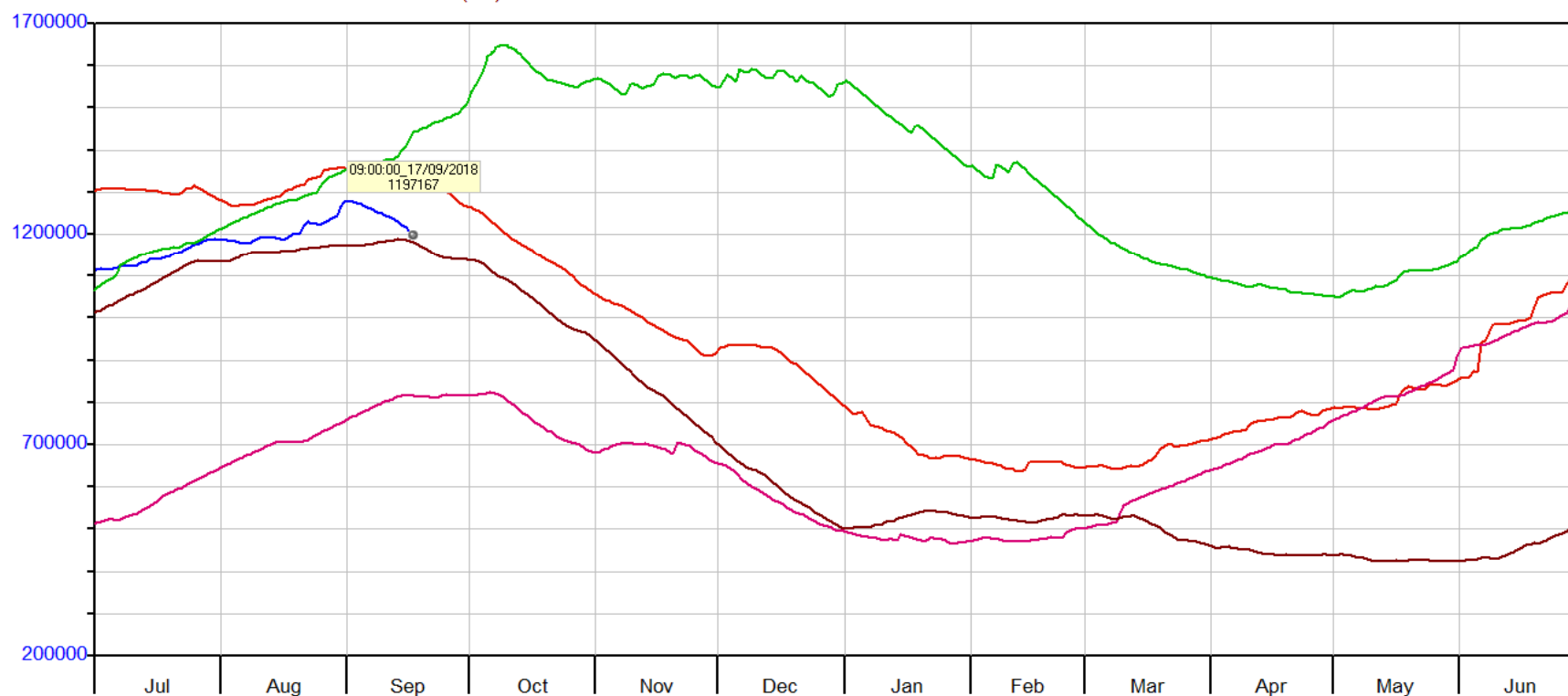
Burrinjuck reservoir volumes

Site	Var	Type	Start	Name	CP
410131	Volume (ML)	Line	01/07/2018	BURRINJUCK DAM	CP
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410131	Volume (ML)	Line	01/07/2016	BURRINJUCK DAM	A
410131	Volume (ML)	Line	01/07/2015	BURRINJUCK DAM	A
410131	Volume (ML)	Line	01/07/2014	BURRINJUCK DAM	A



Blowering reservoir volumes

Site	Var	Type	Start	Name	
410102	Volume (ML)	Line	01/07/2018	BLOWERING DAM	CP
410102	Volume (ML)	Line	01/07/2017	BLOWERING DAM	A
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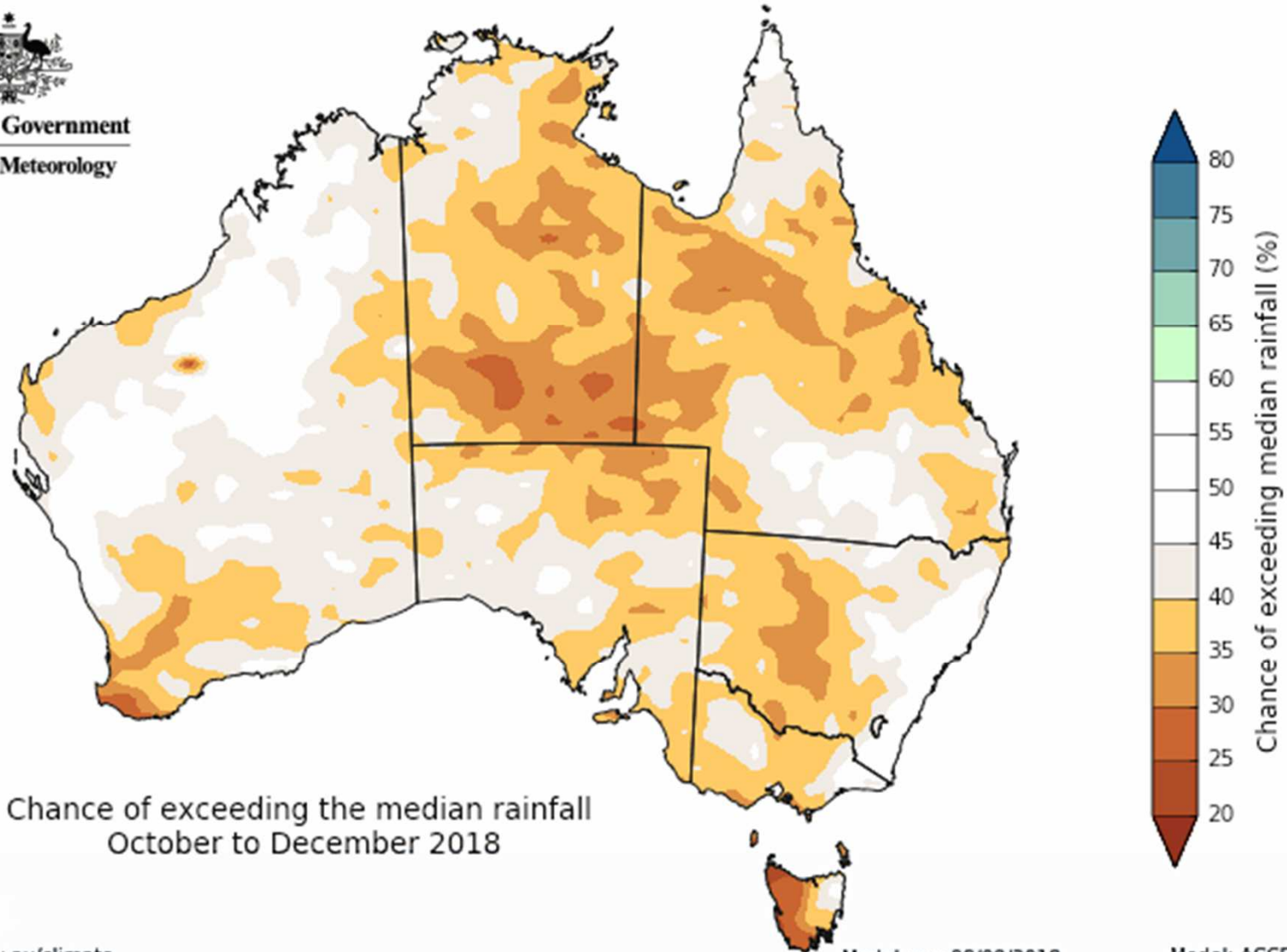
Lake Eucumbene 2006 - 2018



Forecast - October to December - Rainfall



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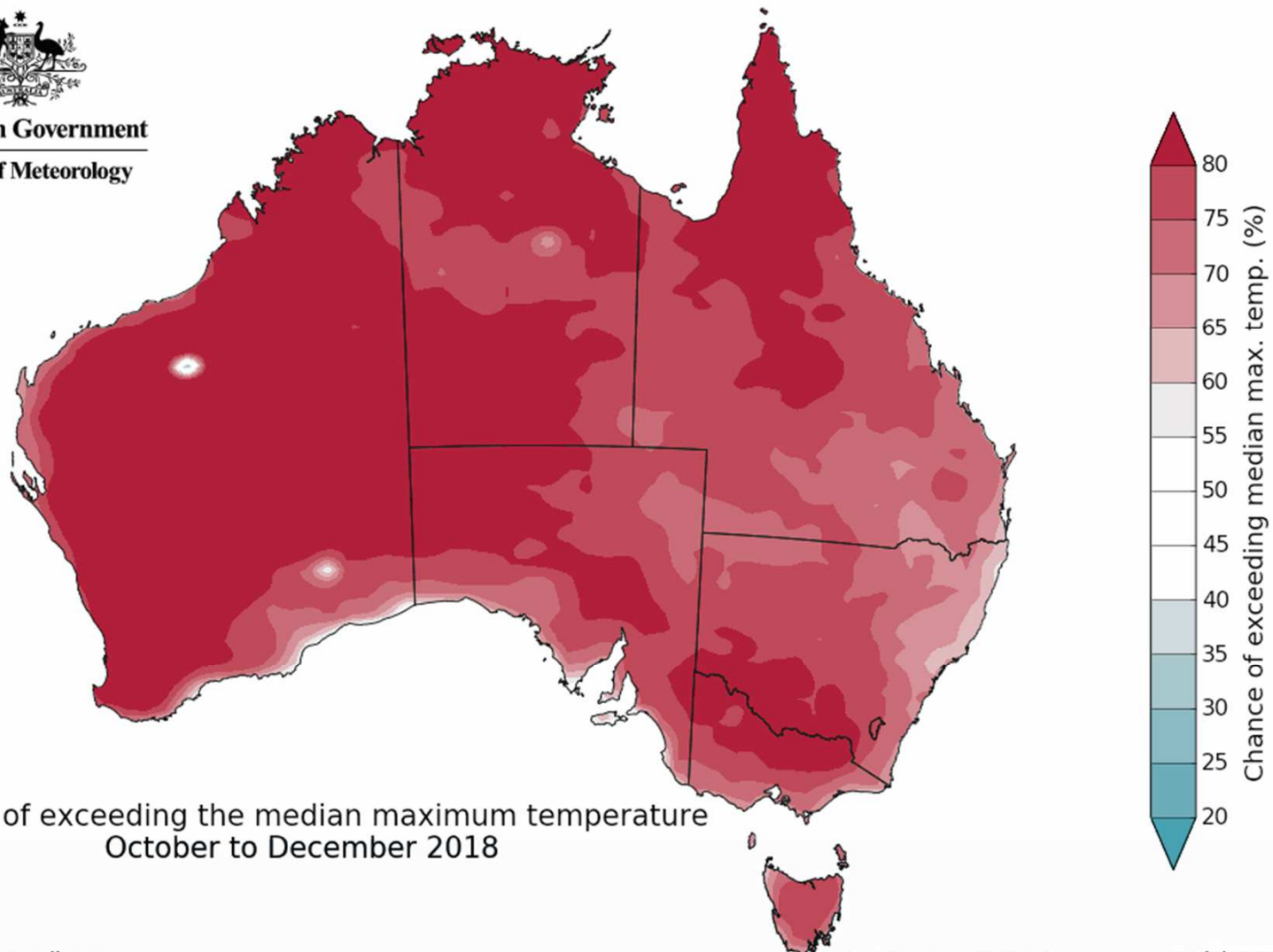


Chance of exceeding the median rainfall
October to December 2018

Forecast - October to December maximum temperature



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- Status of current water resources
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Murrumbidgee resource assessment 17 September 2018

Items	Volume (GL)	Comments
Total resources	2,050	Active volume in storage (1647 GL), snowy RAR, inflows and recessions
Operational Requirements		
Volume required for system losses	543	Storage evaporation, transmission losses, Ops Loss main river & Yanco Ck.
EOS flow target	142	Flow committed to River Murray for rest of the year
Late season inflows	0	Inflows too late in the season
Storage reserves	50	End of season reserve
Total operational requirements	735	

Murrumbidgee resource assessment 17 September 2018

Current Commitments	Volume (GL)	Comments
Carryover	408	From 2017/18 into 2018/19
IVT (carryover from previous year)	14	Undelivered IVT at start of year
EWA Account/s	72	Estimated balance
TWS	44	Town water allocation at 100% on 1 July 2018
Domestic & Stock	34	Domestic and stock at 100% 1 July 2018
High Security	345	95% HS announced on 1 July 2018
Conveyancing for IC's category	265	Conveyance licence
General Security allocations	113	GS allocation as at 1 Aug =6%
Total current commitments	1295	

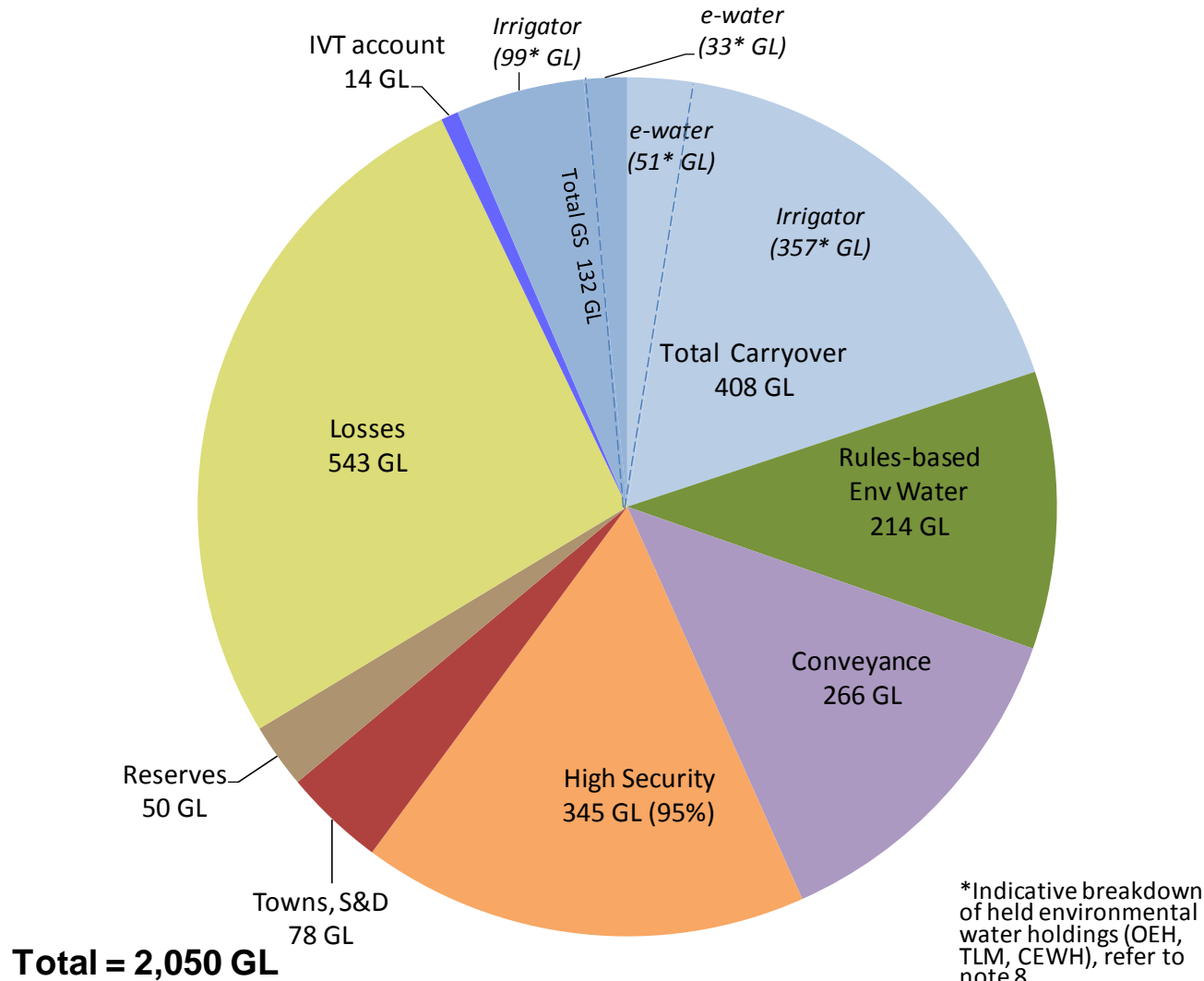
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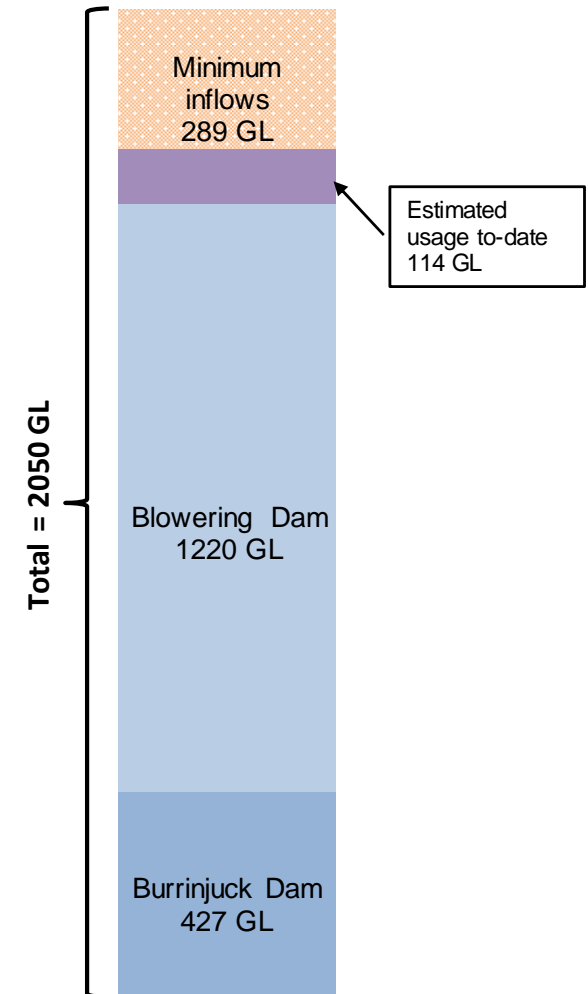
	Volume (GL)	Comments
Total resources	2050	Proposed GS allocation increment=1%
Total operational requirements	(735)	
Total current commitments	(1295)	
Additional resources	20	
Proposed Distribution		
Proposed General Security	19	Proposed GS allocation increment=1%
Conveyancing to Irrigation Corps	0.55	Conveyancing for IC's and River Pumpers

NSW Murrumbidgee Resource Distribution

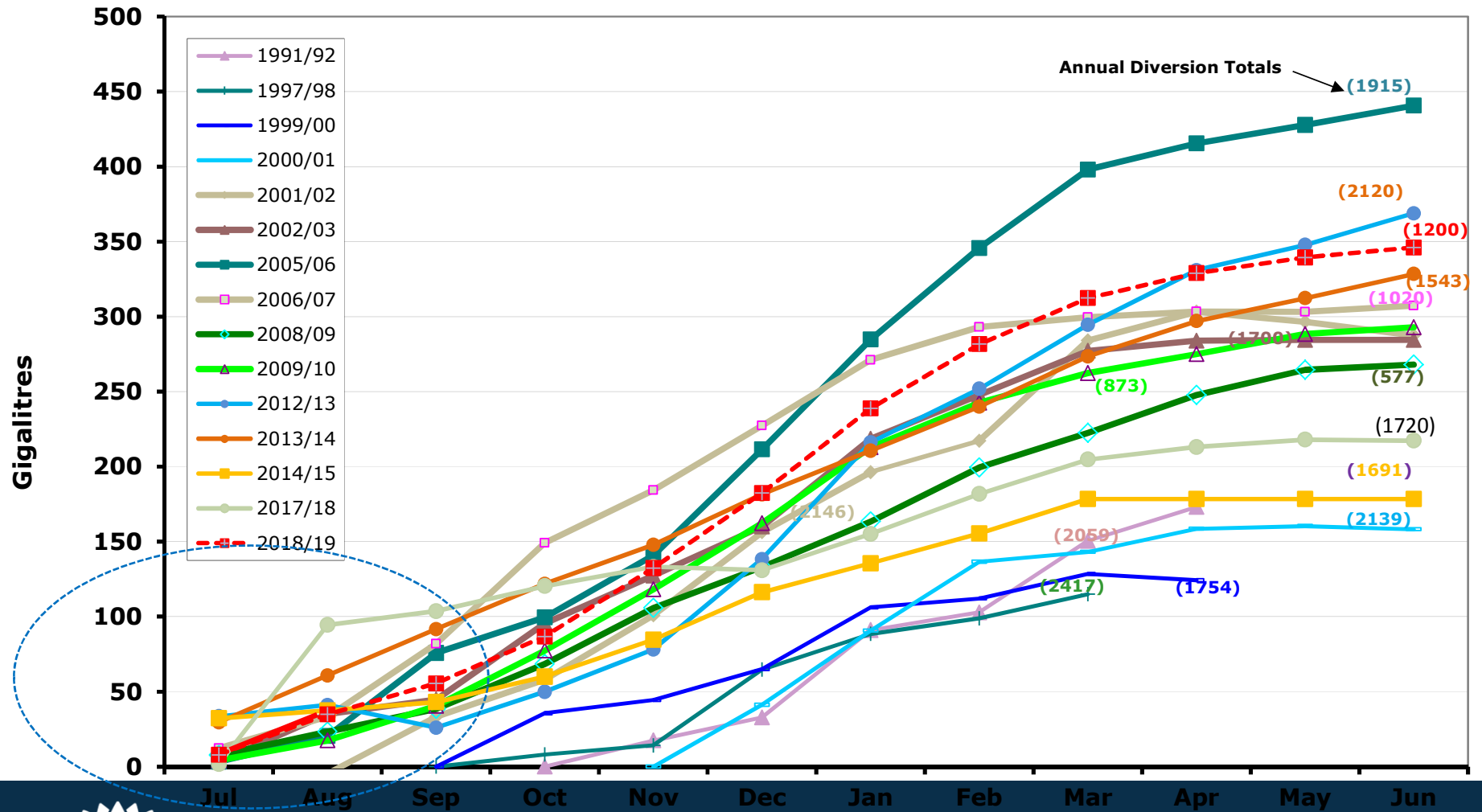
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Supply Distribution⁽⁹⁾



Main river transmission losses



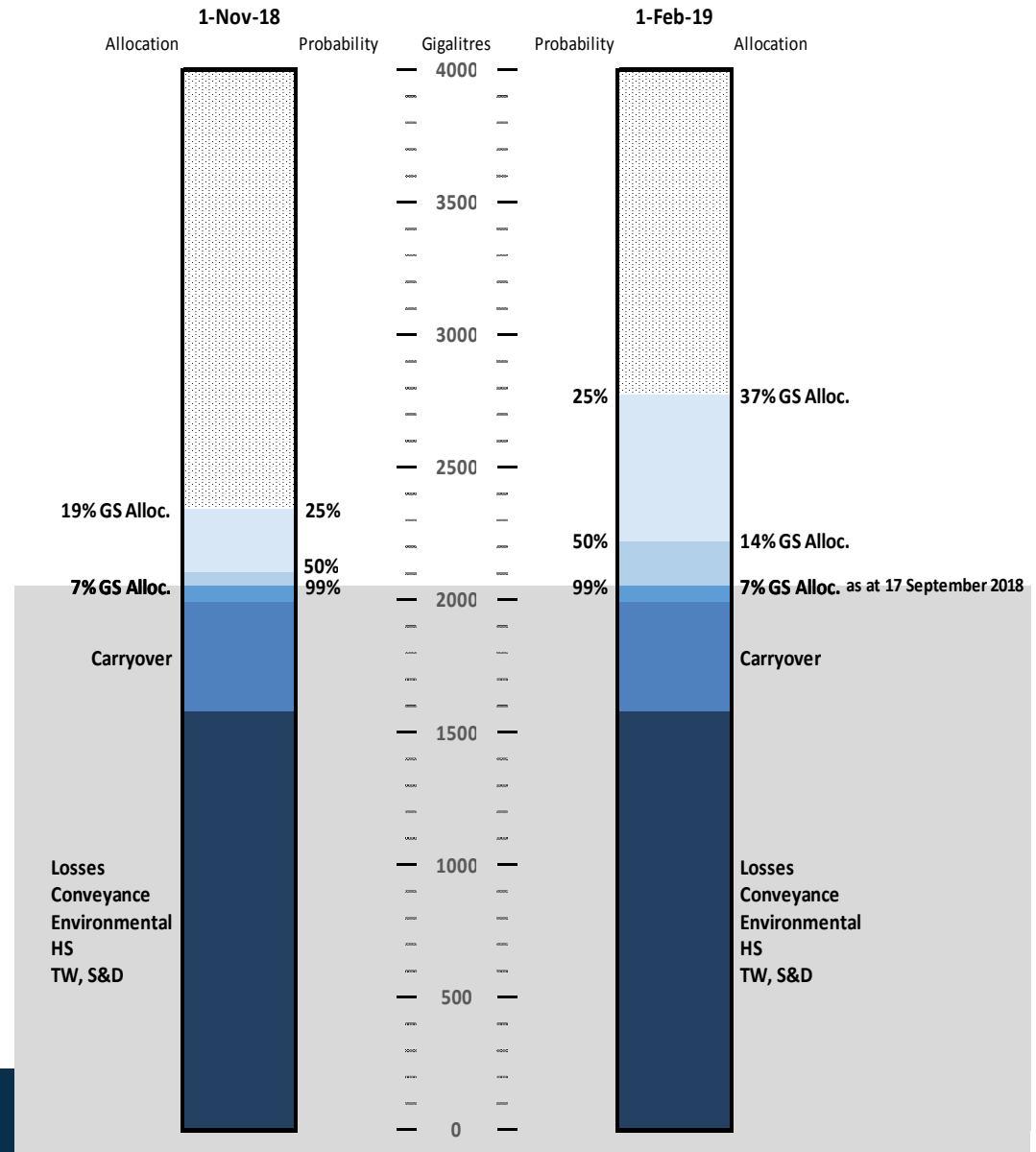
Comparison with this time last year

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Storage* Volume (GL)	Burrinjuck	616	430	Inflows are low since May
	Blowering	1,354	1,244	Reduced tributary inflows
	Total	1,970	1,674	Overall 15% lower storage volume compared to last year
Losses (transmission, evaporation, operations)**		571	543	Similar
1 July IVT carryover balance		100	-14	Reflects market pressures
Late Season Inflows		0	0	Similar
GS Available		33%	7%	Reduced water availability
Average GS Carryover		27%	22%	Lower this year

GS allocation forecasts under various inflow scenarios (as at mid September 2018)

Inflow Conditions	1 Nov 2018	1 Feb 2019
99 chances in 100 (extreme) (99%)^	7	7
9 chances in 10 (very dry) (90%)	7	7
3 chances in 4 (dry) (75%)	7	7
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as at 17 September 2018





Water Allocation Statement

17 September 2018

Murrumbidgee Valley

Water allocation update

Murrumbidgee general security allocation has increased by 1 per cent to 7 per cent of entitlement. This means, with carryover, overall general security water availability is 29 per cent in the valley. Intermittent rain in the upper catchment has triggered some inflows into storages, with downstream tributaries contributing below Wagga Wagga. However, system flows into the valley are still well below the long term average for this time of year.

In the last 18 months (March 2017 to August 2018) the Murrumbidgee system has experienced extremely low inflows - in the lowest four per cent on record.

	High Security	General Security	Average Carryover
Murrumbidgee	95%	7%	22%

Storage levels (as at 14 September 2018)

- Blowering Dam is 74 per cent full – decreasing – holding 1,223,000 megalitres (ML).
- Burrinjuck Dam is 42 per cent full – increasing – holding 432,000 ML.

Climatic outlook

The Bureau of Meteorology outlook for October to December indicates conditions for the region are likely to remain dry with very much above average temperatures.

The main climate drivers of El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) and the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) remain neutral, though most international models show El Niño likely to develop by the end of spring. El Niño during spring typically results in below average rainfall for northern and eastern Australia. In summer, its drying influence is mainly focused on tropical regions of Australia, although the possibility of high temperatures elsewhere remains high.

Trade

Water allocation can currently be traded within and out of the Murrumbidgee Valley, but trade into the Murrumbidgee Valley is closed. Water users are encouraged to monitor the WaterNSW website (www.watersw.com.au) for information about the Murrumbidgee inter-valley trade (IVT) account balance and status of trade.

Next announcement

The next water allocation statement for the regulated Murrumbidgee Valley will be issued on Monday 1 October 2018. The forecast improvements under various inflow scenarios, including the rocket diagram will be included in the mid-October water allocation statement.

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- Allocation updates will continue to be published fortnightly

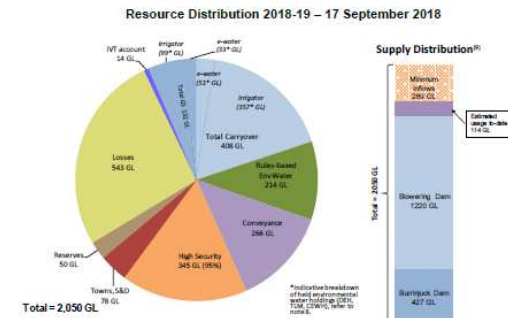


Water Allocation Statement

Murrumbidgee Resource Assessment Data Sheet

Resource Distribution 2018-19 (at 17 September 2018)	
	Volume (GL)
Total Available Resource ⁽¹⁾	2,050
less	
Carryover (GS and Conveyance)	408
Rules based Environmental Water ⁽²⁾	214
Towns, Stock, Domestic	78 (100%)
Reserves ⁽³⁾	50
Conveyance ⁽⁴⁾	266
Announced High Security	345 (95%)
Losses (transmission, evaporation, operational) ⁽⁵⁾	543
Murrumbidgee IVT account (carryover as of 1 July) ⁽⁶⁾	14
Late Season Inflows ⁽⁷⁾	0
Announced General Security	132 (7%)

*See notes below.



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Notes

- 1) Total available resource – total active storage volume (Blowering & Burrinjuck Dams) at the day of assessment plus any usable flows in transit plus drought inflows for rest of the year plus Snowy Hydro's assured Required Annual Release (RAR) (including any flex (pre-release) from the prior year), as well as estimated usage to date. Snowy Hydro's net Jounama Release for this year (2018-19) to date is 689 GL, and 200GL of flex release was pre-released in 2017-18.
- 2) Rules-based environmental water – water required to be set aside under water sharing plans to provide for riverine environments. Includes end-of-system flow requirements (currently 142GL) and environmental water allowances (EWA1 = 50GL, EWA2 = 22GL, EWA3 = nil). Excludes 'licence-based' environmental water also known as held environmental water (HEW). This total volume typically reduces as commitments are met and water is used during the year.
- 3) Reserves – required primarily under statutory plans, and mainly used for emergency purposes and critical needs. Includes 25GL per dam as an operational reserve, and Provisional Storage Volumes (PSV1 = nil, PSV2 = nil).
- 4) Conveyance entitlement – a category of access licence originally issued to Irrigation Corporations to facilitate delivery of water through their channel systems. Allocation to this category is prescribed in the water sharing plans and is a function of high and general security allocations. (This category of licence in the Murrumbidgee valley, like general security, can carry over up to 30% of entitlement).
- 5) Losses – is the best estimate of the volume required to run the river under dry conditions to meet demands for the remainder of the water year. This includes storage evaporation, transmission losses and operational loss. This estimate is regularly updated as the year unfolds.
- 6) IVT account – this represents the carryover value into 2018/19. As the account status was negative, meaning Murray water is 'owed' to the Murrumbidgee that cannot be delivered, this volume of 14GL must be set aside from allocation in the Murrumbidgee.
- 7) Late Season Inflows – is the estimated inflow volume that will arrive into storage late in the year, after the peak irrigation demand season (usually post-February). This water cannot be allocated to water users at the start of the water-year, otherwise there could be an expectation that the water is available for delivery and use before it is captured in storage.
- 8) Held environmental water (HEW) – licensed water administered by environmental water holders is reported here, with the associated portions of general security allocation and carryover also identified in the above pie chart. This reporting of held environmental water is the total credited to accounts (not usage) and is estimated to be 33GL of GS, 12GL of HS, 37GL of conveyance allocation and 51GL of GS carryover. 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), The Living Murray (TLM) and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH). Details on environmental holdings can be found on individual agency websites.
- 9) Supply Distribution – the distribution of supply includes volumes at the time of the assessment for the following categories: active volumes in the dams (excludes early release volumes of next year's Snowy Hydro commitments), indicative usage-to-date (may be estimates prior to reconciliation with hydrographic updates) and assumed minimum future inflows (includes Snowy Hydro's guaranteed inflows for the water year, and late season inflows). Towards the latter half of the water year, it will also include any estimated shortfall in meeting the following next year's high priority needs.

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- Many changes made over recent years to include more and better information



Water Allocation Statement

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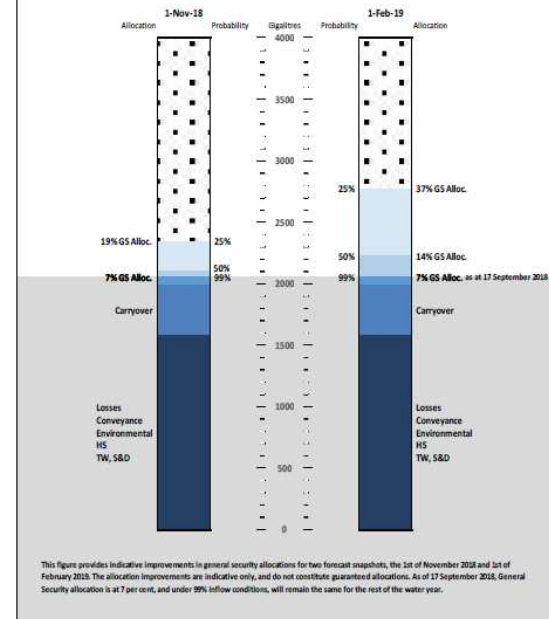
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Water Allocation Statement

Murrumbidgee Valley Outlook

as at 17 September 2018



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