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NSW Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers

NSW Murray general security increased by 7%

General security	2026–27 allocation	Account balance
NSW Murray	12%	35% (583 GL)
Lower Darling	30%	32% (25 GL)

Key information

- NSW Murray conveyance entitlements have also received an allocation increment commensurate to the general security (GS) allocation increase.
- Since the last assessment, resources have improved following significant rainfall in July, enabling this allocation increase.
- Unregulated flow conditions downstream of Hume Dam are supporting uncontrolled and supplementary flow events along the Murray River. The latest supplementary access information available from [WaterInsights](#) website.
- There is no change to Lower Darling allocations. Lower Darling GS users received 30% allocation on 1 July 2026, and opportunities for further allocation are being monitored closely.
- This assessment is based on NSW's share of storage volumes as of 30 June, and observed inflows up to 27 July then tapering towards minimum inflows to 31 July. The assessment budgets for minimum inflows arriving at headwater storages from August 2026 to May 2027. For Menindee, no inflows are considered for the rest of the 2026–27 water year.
- We are trialling a concise statement at the beginning of each month with no impact on allocation quantum. This will be followed by the usual detail statement at routine mid-month publication. Note that the MDBA mid-month assessment is based on more up to date data set.

Next statement

The next water allocation statement for these water sources will be published on
Monday 17 August 2026 at 2:30 pm.

Useful links



Allocation statements for all water sources are available at: [Water allocation statements | Water](#)



A series of guides that describe the water allocation methods for most NSW regulated river systems are available at: [Resource assessment process | Water](#)



The dashboard on water availability and allocations for all water sources is available at: [Allocations dashboard | Water](#)



Water sharing plan for these water sources is available at: [NSW Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Water Sources 2016](#)



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