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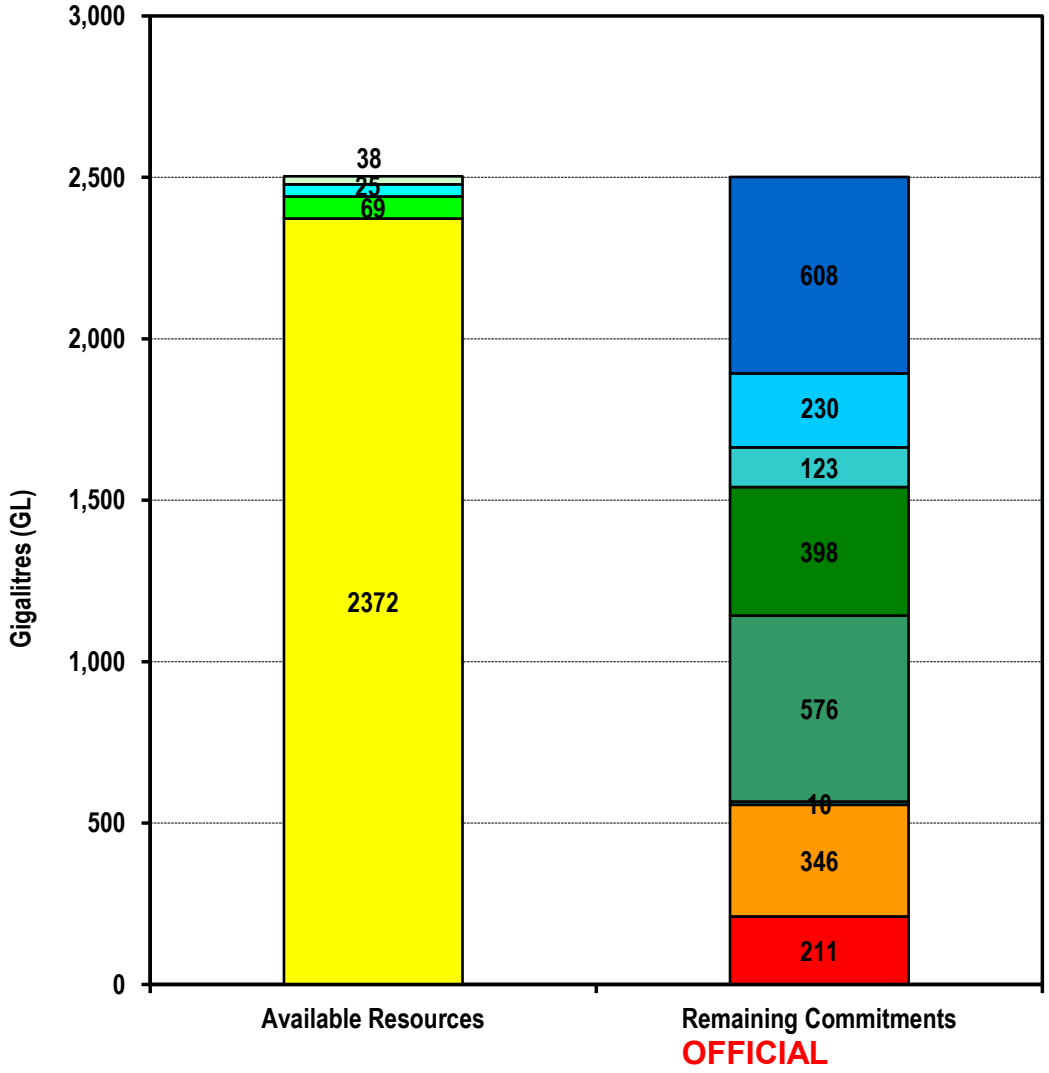
Breakdown of Water in Store and Commitments 1 September 2026



Remaining Commitments

- Remaining Allocated Volume (incl Carryover)
- Goulburn Early Reserve
- Channel Distribution Losses to 15 May 2027
- Trade Commitments to Murray System
- Urban, Environment and Other
- AGL Hydro Entitlement
- Storage and River Losses
- Volume Below Minimum Operating Level

Available Resources

- Campaspe, Loddon & Broken Trade Commitment to Goulburn
- Campaspe & Loddon Supplements
- Forecast Inflows to Eildon and Goulburn Weir
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Breakdown of Water in Store and Commitments: Terms and Definitions

Water in Storage: The volume of water held in Lake Eildon and Waranga Basin.

Forecast Inflows to Eildon and Goulburn Weir: The volume of forecast inflows in tributaries above Lake Eildon and Goulburn Weir.

Campaspe, Loddon & Broken Trade Commitment to Goulburn: The volume held in the Campaspe, Loddon and Broken systems that needs to be delivered to the Goulburn system as result of trade.

Volume Below Minimum Operating Level: The volume of water that cannot be released through existing infrastructure under gravity. Pumping of Waranga Basin will not be required to support allocations in the 2026/27 season.

Storage and River Losses: The volume of evaporation and other water losses from the storages and from the natural rivers, lakes and waterways that are part of the irrigation network. Also called headworks losses.

AGL Hydro Entitlement: The volume allocated to the entitlement held by AGL Hydro for the purpose of power generation that cannot be harvested in Waranga Basin.

Urban, Environment and Other: Entitlements held by urban water corporations including Melbourne, irrigators on the lower Broken Creek, the Victorian and Commonwealth environmental water holders and the water quality reserve.

Trade Commitments to Murray System: Total amount of Goulburn system water bought by Murray system users that is yet to be delivered and the carried over volume of Goulburn system water obtained from water savings projects that is to be delivered to the Murray instead of diverted from the Snowy hydroelectric scheme.

Goulburn Early Reserve: The volume set aside between 30% and 50% seasonal determinations as a reserve for system operations in the 2027/28 season.

Channel Distribution Losses to 15 May 2027: Estimate of the amount of water required to operate the GMW channel and pipeline delivery systems to deliver allocation to customers and urban water corporations.

Remaining Allocated Volume (including Carryover): The volume assigned to water share holders under a 47% seasonal determination of high-reliability water shares (HRWS) including the carried over resources that were allocated to water share holders in previous seasons, that is yet to be delivered.

Campaspe & Loddon Supplements: The volume available from the Campaspe and Loddon systems to support the Goulburn seasonal determination.

Source: Resource Manager