WATER SECURITY STATUS REPORT

September 2021

Overall Water Security Position



As we move through Spring, the SEQ Water Grid storage levels have continued to drop, even with recent rainfall. Although the BOM is predicting favourable conditions over the next few months, significant rainfall within the Brisbane water supply catchments is required to improve water grid storage levels.

Wivenhoe and Somerset Dam (Somerset flows into Wivenhoe) continue to be areas of interest as Wivenhoe and Somerset's combined level is 46.0%, which is 5.7% lower than the same time a year ago.



Purified Recycled Water (PRW) continues to be supplied to industry, substituting water that otherwise would have been taken from the Wivenhoe Dam. This initiative is helping to us to preserve the grid water supply. 3,986 ML has been supplied to industry since 15 September 2020. Two additional trains at Luggage Point Advanced Water Treatment Plant are currently being recommissioned to triple the supply of PRW available to industry; reducing the demand on the grid further.

Wivenhoe and Somerset future levels should recent conditions repeat



Average Daily Residential Consumption

Average daily consumption this month was 171 litres per person per day (LPD) which is an increase from last month (August average was 155 LPD).

With the grid level well below 60%, we continue to operate in drought response mode and Segwater continues to encourage the community to be water efficient.

It is recognised that if significant rainfall does not occur the water grid storages may reduce to 50%, potentially as early as December 2021. Seqwater and the Water Service Providers are therefore preparing for potential water restrictions for the approaching summer.



Water Grid storage

Water Grid storage actual draw down to September 2021 with projected drawdown to January 2022.

The SEQ Water Grid drawdown graph shows historical storage data and a projected five month drawdown if the rate observed during the dry calendar year of 2019 was repeated.¹ The 2019 data is used because it was a particularly dry year. The Water Grid storage could reach 50% as soon as December 2021 if dry conditions, as observed in 2019, were to continue from October onwards. The Millennium Drought is shown with today's demand, current grid and drought response plan to compare drawdowns over an extended drought period (see Figure 1).

1. This projected drawdown does not account for differences in demand and supply conditions, such as continued operation of the Gold Coast Desalination Plant.

Figure 1: Water Grid storage drawdowns



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2020 September average



*Data range is 2/09/2021 - 29/09/20211 and 3/09/2020 - 30/09/2020

The Southern Regional Water Pipeline has operated in the northern direction and the Northern Pipeline Interconnector has predominantly operated in the southern direction for this month, transferring water into the Central Region.

The Gold Coast Desalination Plant continues to operate to slow the drawdown of dam storages. Since Drought Response was initiated 15 September 2020, the desalination plant has contributed 22,987 ML to the grid.

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Weather outlook

Temperature

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) outlook is that there is a 20-30% (relatively low) chance of exceeding median max temperature in October to December 2021.



Rainfall

The BOM outlook is that there is a 60-75% chance of exceeding median rainfall October to December2021.



http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks/#/rainfall/median/seasonal/0

Likelihood of grid levels improving in the short term

There is not considered to be a high likelihood of grid levels improving materially in the short term - while BoM predict a wetter than average October, October does not typically receive large amounts of rain. Chances of the water grid storages noticeably improving increase over summer, however summer is also associated with higher evaporation and water demand. It is therefore considered prudent to continue to plan for declining water grid storage levels.

Off-grid community drought status

http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks/#/temperature/maximum/median/seasonal/0

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Suns	shine Coast	Regional Council	No	Rest
1	Kenilworth	Wells near the Mary River; Bellbird Creek stream flow ~0.37 ML/day		•
Nor	eton Bay Re	gional Council		
	Dayboro	Dayboro Borefield; well no. 1 standing water level RL 40.88 m AHD		
2		North Pine River; stream flow ~30 ML/day		
Som	erset Regio	nal Council		
3	Jimna	Yabba Creek; water not flowing over The Big Hole Weir		•
4	Linville	Brisbane River at Linville; stream flow ~ 2.98 ML/day		•
Redl	and City Co	uncil		
5	Amity Point			
6	Point Lookout	North Stradbroke Island Groundwater; standing water level 17.256 m AHD*	•	•
7	Dunwich			
Scer	nic Rim Reg	ional Council		
8	Kalbar (Boonah, Aratula and Mount Alford)	Moogerah Dam 39.6%	•	•
9	Canungra	Canungra Creek; stream flow ~ 20.11 ML/day**		•
10	Beaudesert			
11	Kooralbyn	Maroon Dam 98.6%		•



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Restrictions status

- Water efficiency awareness
- Voluntary conservation
- Medium level water restrictions
- High level water restrictions or greater

*The bore chosen has the most reliable and up-to-date data that can be continuously monitored. **Underlying flow 9-11 ML/day.

Water supply scheme status

Seqwater supplies water to rural landholders and businesses that are licensed to take water from dams and waterways via water supply schemes. The amount of water that can be extracted by licensed irrigators varies according to local water conditions. In times of drought or low flows, irrigation entitlements may be restricted or suspended.

This data has been updated as at 30 September 2021.









Cedar Pocket Water Supply Scheme Cedar Pocket Dam currently 73.2% (down 15.4% from last month) Announced allocations Medium Priority 100%



Mary Valley Water Supply Scheme Borumba Dam currently 76.2% (down 4.4% from last month) ced allocations Medium Priority 96% (also supplies high priority)



Central Brisbane Water Supply Scheme Wivenhoe Dam/Somerset Dam currently 46.08%

down 1.4% from last month Announced allocations Medium Priority 70% (also supplies high priority)



Lower Lockyer Water Supply Scheme Atkinson Dam currently 3.5% (down 0.4% from last month) Inced allocations Medium Priority 0%



Warrill Valley Water Supply Scheme

Moogerah Dam currently 39.6% (down 2% from last month) Medium Priority 80% inced allocations (also supplies high priority)



Logan River Water Supply Scheme

Maroon Dam currently 98.6% (down 1% from last month) nced allocations Medium Priority 100% (also supplies high priority)



Central Lockyer Water Supply Scheme

Clarendon Dam & Bill Gunn Dam currently 4.3% (down 0.5% from last month) unced allocation rface water) nced allocation

Morton Vale 0%, Medium Priority 0% (all zones) Medium Priority 80%, Low Priority 60%

