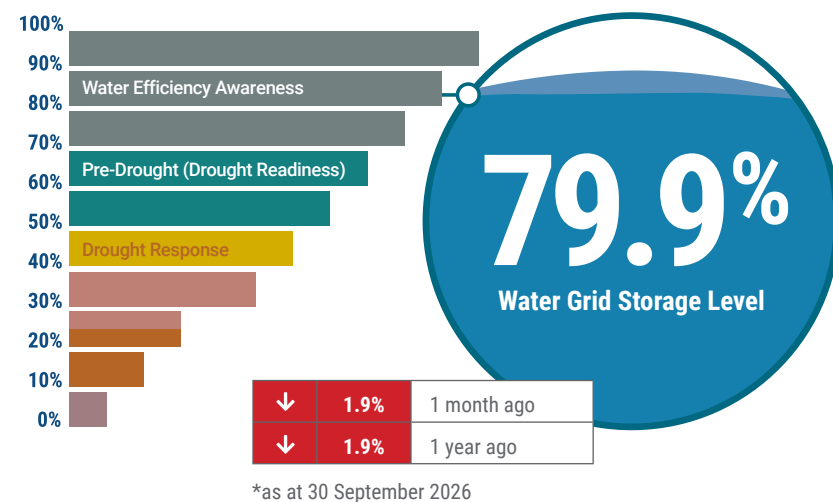


WATER SECURITY STATUS REPORT

September 2026

Overall water security position



In September, rainfall was below average across the region while Mean Maximum Temperatures were above average. Water Grid Storage (WGS) level decreased by 1.9% in September 2026.

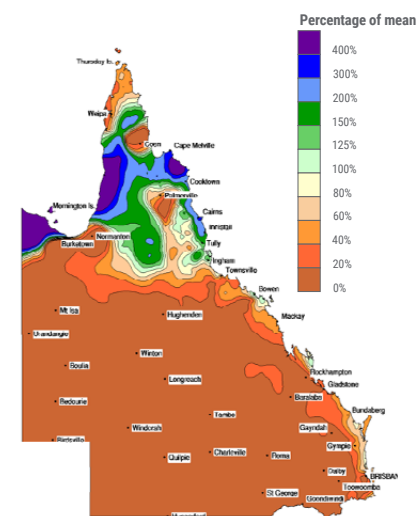
El Niño is at near-record levels. Both oceanic and atmospheric indices reflect values consistent with a strong El Niño. All models, including the bureau's, forecast the tropical Pacific to continue warming through the southern hemisphere spring, with El Niño likely peaking in late spring or summer as a very strong event.

Storage levels are now sitting at 79.9% (as at 30 September 2026). BOM advises that there are roughly equal chances of above or below average rainfall and a 60% to above 80% chance of above average temperatures for October to December.

Three off-grid communities are currently being monitored due to reduced source water. Dayboro remains in Trigger 1 - Drought Readiness. Linville has entered Trigger 1 - Drought Readiness levels on the 21st of September 2026. Canungra was briefly in drought pre-trigger mode on the 22nd of September 2026, and is currently fluctuating around the pre-trigger threshold. All three communities continue to be closely monitored, with drought response planning underway.

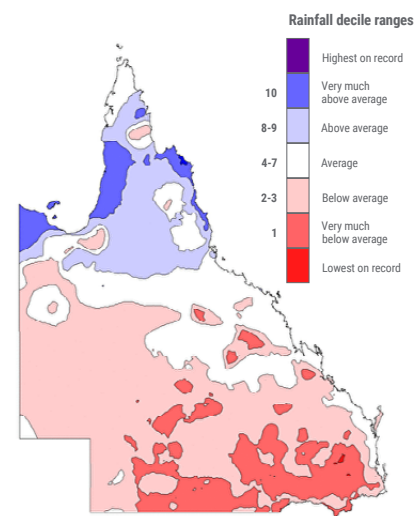
Queensland rainfall percentages

01 September 2026 to 30 September 2026
Australian Gridded Climate Data



Queensland rainfall deciles

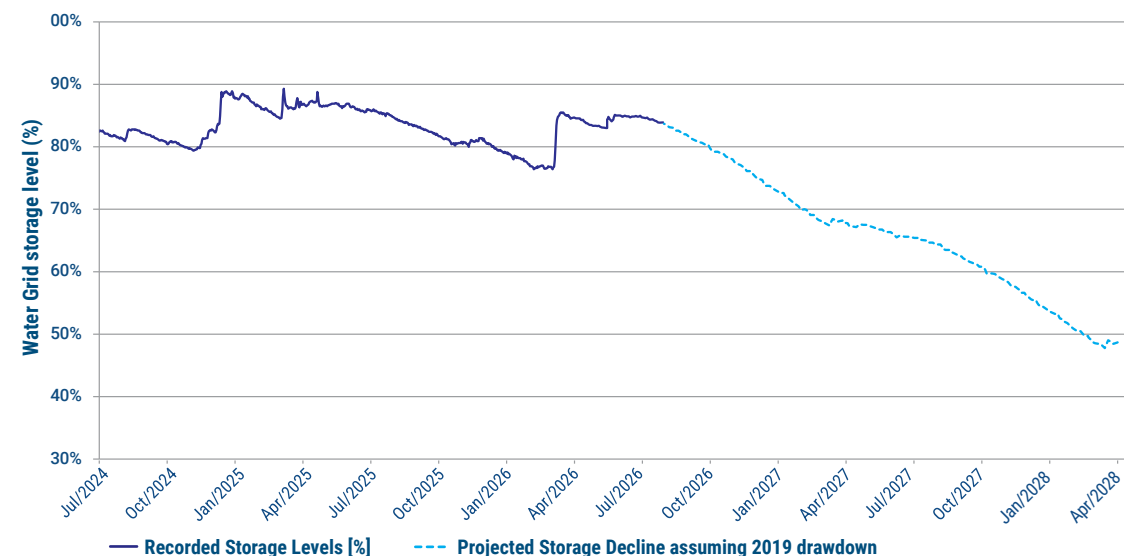
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Water Grid storage

Sea Surface Temperatures (SSTs) in September 2026 has been warmer than average around most of Australia's west, south and south-east. SSTs to the north and north-east have cooled in recent weeks and are now more than 1°C below average in some areas.

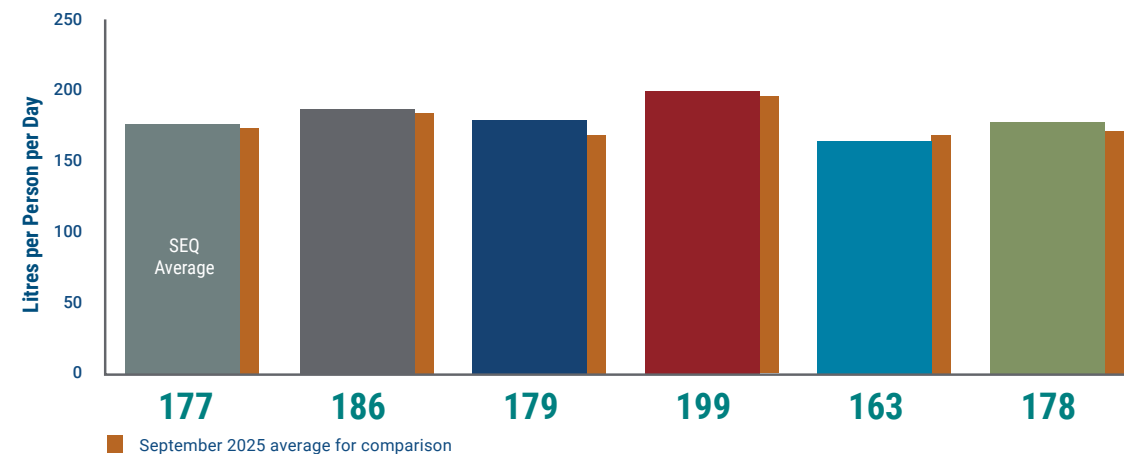
If very dry conditions return (similar to the very dry year of 2019) storages could return to 70% by February 2027, and to a level of 60% by October 2027.



Average daily residential consumption

Average residential consumption in September was 177 litres per person per day (LPD), an increase from the 174 LPD recorded in the same month last year.

*Date range is 03/09/2026 - 30/09/2026 and 04/09/2025 - 1/10/2025



Water Grid operation

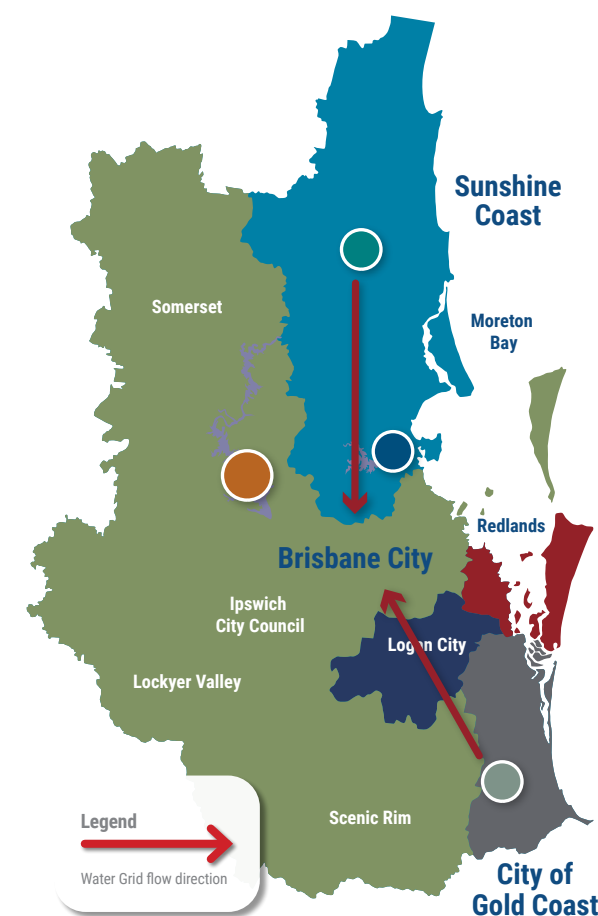
The Northern Pipeline Interconnector has been operating in a southerly flow direction while the Southern Regional Water Pipeline has been operated in a northerly flow direction.

Purified Recycled Water

The Western Corridor Recycled Water Scheme continues to provide some PRW to industrial customers.

Desalinated water production

Gold Coast Desalination Plant (GCDP) continues to operate to support planned works across the Grid.



92.8%

Baroon Pocket

49%

North Pine
(Lake Samsonvale)

95.6%

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Wivenhoe/ Somerset (Combined)

Full supply capacity 1,545,089 ML

Current capacity 1,245,090 ML

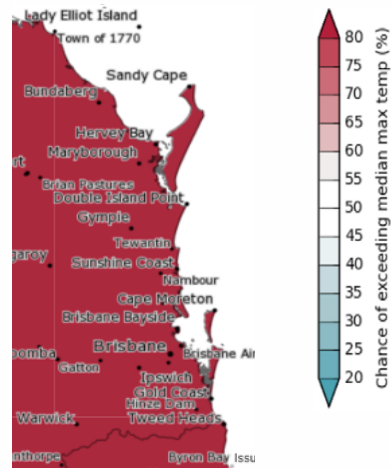
Wivenhoe and Somerset Dams are SEQ's largest storages, and combined make up about 70% of the region's water supply (dams).



Weather outlook

Temperature

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) outlook is that there is a an above 80% chance of exceeding median maximum temperature from November to January 2026.

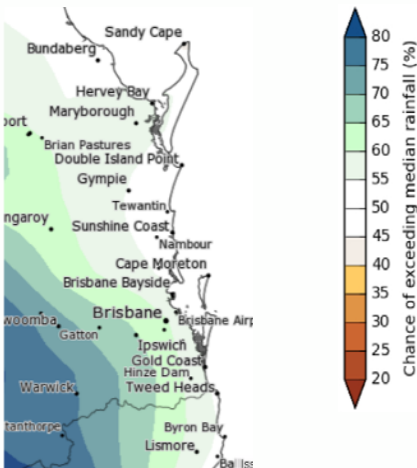


http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks/#/temperature/maximum/median/seasonal/0

*as at 30 September 2026

Rainfall

The BOM outlook is that there is a 65% to 75% chance of exceeding median rainfall from November to January 2026.



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

Off-grid community drought status

The SEQ Water Grid allows us to move treated drinking water around the region. Off-grid communities are not connected to the SEQ Water Grid.

*This data has been updated as at 30 September 2026

Sunshine Coast Regional Council

1	Kenilworth	Mary River at Bellbird Creek flow: 29.124 ML/day	●	●
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Moreton Bay Regional Council

2	Dayboro	Groundwater Well No 1 standing water level: 40.38*	●	●
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Somerset Regional Council

3	Jimna	Yabba Creek flow - Big Hole Weir has stopped flowing.	●	●
4	Linville	Brisbane River at Linville 0 ML/day	●	●

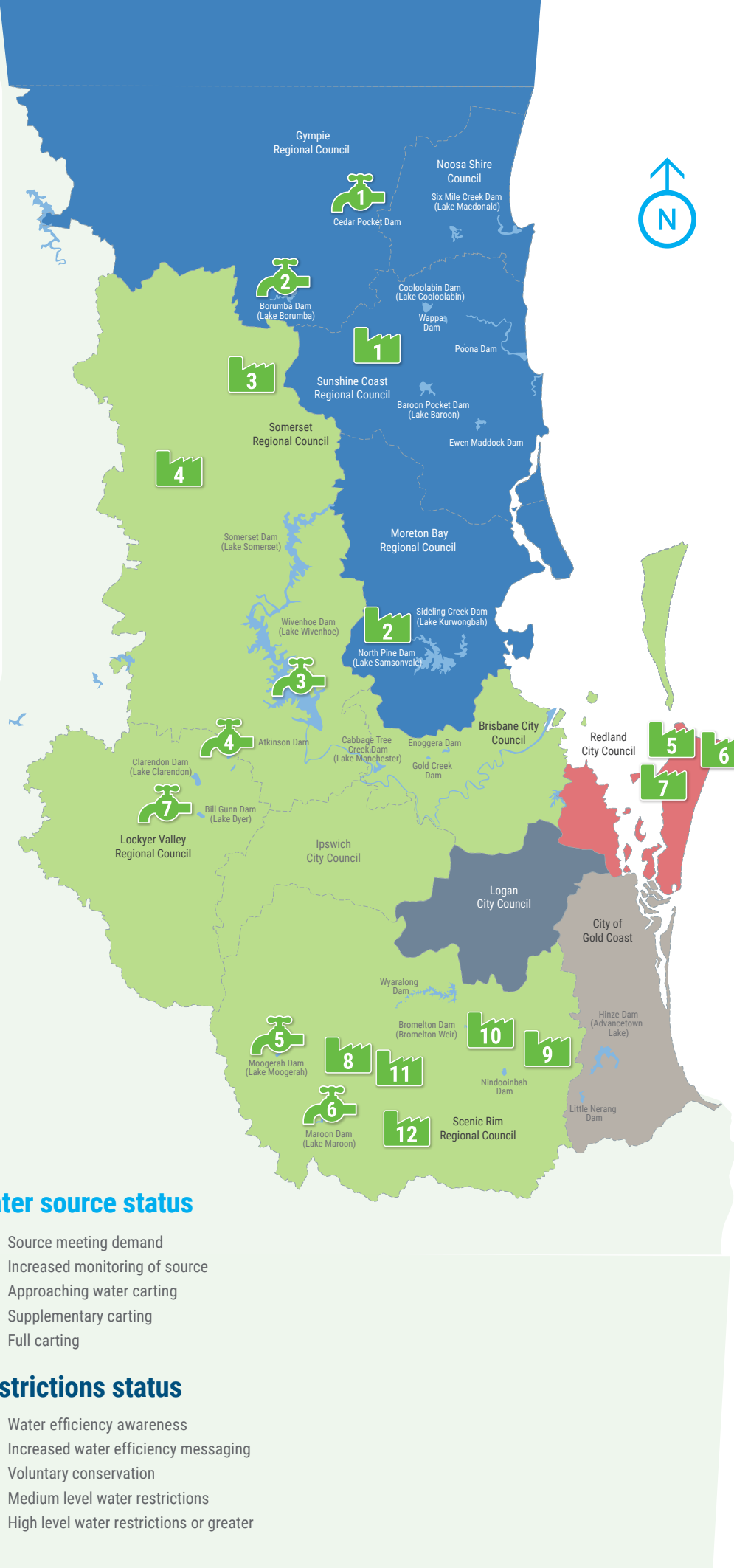
Redland City Council

5	Amity Point			
6	Point Lookout	North Stradbroke Island Groundwater standing water level (primary bore): 20.930 m AHD	●	●
7	Dunwich			

Scenic Rim Regional Council

8	Kalbar (Boonah, Aratula and Mount Alford)	Moogerah Dam storage level: 77.1%	●	●
9	Canungra	Canungra Creek flow: 22.517 ML/day	●	●
10	Beaudesert			
11	Kooralbyn	Maroon Dam storage level: 98.6%	●	●
12	Rathdowney			

*as at 29 September 2026



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 2026



Full allocation



Restricted



Suspended



Cedar Pocket Water Supply Scheme

Cedar Pocket Dam currently 85.9% (Down 10% from last month)
Announced Allocations Medium Priority 100%



Mary Valley Water Supply Scheme

Borumba Dam currently 97.4% (Down 1.6% from last month)
Announced Allocations Medium Priority 100% (also supplies high priority)



Central Brisbane Water Supply Scheme

Wivenhoe Dam/Somerset Dam currently 80.6% (Down 1.6% from last month)
Announced Allocations Medium Priority 100% (also supplies high priority)



Lower Lockyer Water Supply Scheme

Atkinson Dam currently 60.8% (Down 5% from last month)
Announced Allocations Medium Priority 85%



Warrill Valley Water Supply Scheme

Moogerah Dam currently 77.1% (Down 3.2% from last month)
Announced Allocations Medium Priority 100% (also supplies high priority)



Logan River Water Supply Scheme

Maroon Dam currently 98.6% (Down 1.3% from last month)
Announced allocation Medium Priority 100% (also supplies high priority)



Central Lockyer Water Supply Scheme

Clarendon Dam & Bill Gunn Dam currently 67.4% (Down 6.5% from last month)
Announced allocation (surface water) Morton Vale 100%, Medium Priority Zones 100%
Announced allocation (groundwater) Medium Priority 100%, Low Priority 100%

Water source status

- Source meeting demand
- Increased monitoring of source
- Approaching water carting
- Supplementary carting
- Full carting

Restrictions status

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