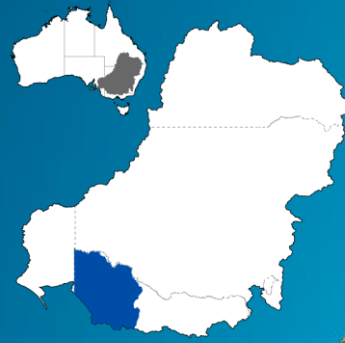




Water Reporting Summary – Wimmera–Mallee Catchment

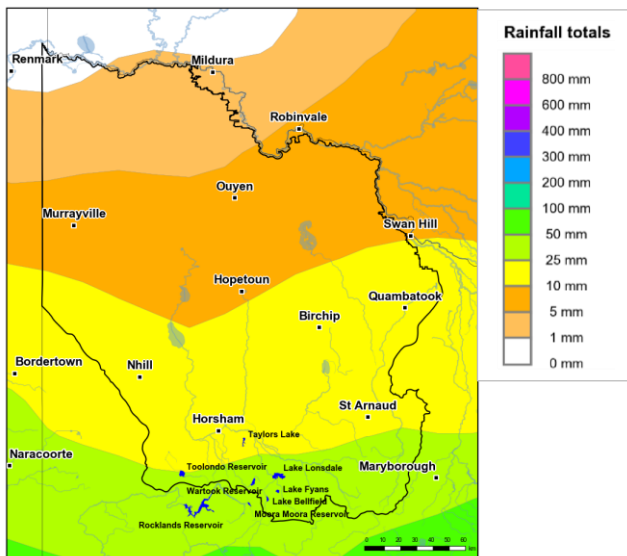
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Overview

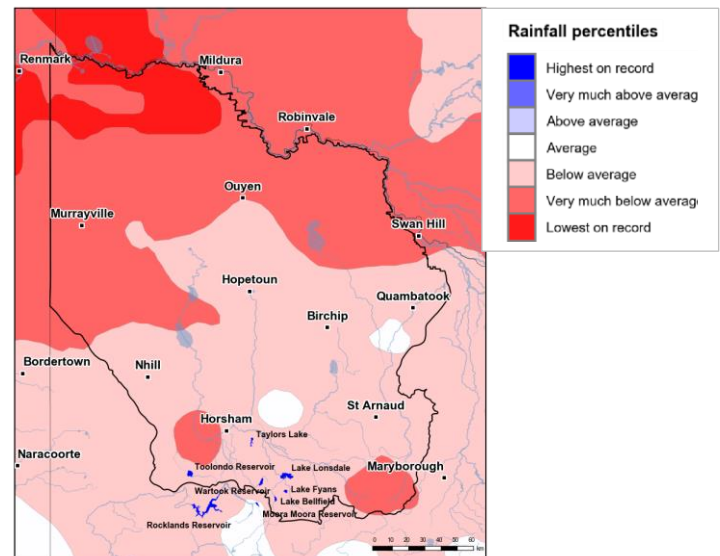
- In the last 30 days, rainfall in the Wimmera-Mallee catchment had a decreasing gradient from south to north. The southern areas of the catchment including areas around the reservoirs and lakes received 25 to 50 mm of rainfall, while central areas of the catchment received up to 25 mm. Moving north, rainfall decreased with the most downstream areas receiving less than 10 mm (Figure 1). The total area-average rainfall for the catchment was 12 mm. This recent rainfall is in the context of the extended dry period since January 2017 with rainfall for the central and upper Wimmera–Mallee catchment mainly below average, and downstream areas mainly very much below average (Figure 2).
- The limited rainfall in the last month has resulted in below average to very much below average soil moisture in the Wimmera-Mallee catchment. It has not translated into runoff and inflows into storages (Figure 3).
- Allocations for Wimmera–Mallee Pipeline Product entitlement holders are currently 57% (Figure 4 and Table 1) (GMMWater Storage Manager).

Recent conditions



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Figure 1: Rainfall totals for the last 30 days
(18 April to 17 May 2021)



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Figure 2: Rainfall percentiles since January 2017 (compared to 1900–2019 long-term average) (Jan 2017 to April 2021)

Note: Rainfall percentiles for the period from January 2017 are shown as the Bureau of Meteorology considers January 2017 to be the start of the current dry period for eastern Australia.

How much water is in the storages?

Storage volume: Lake Bellfield, Lake Fyans, Lake Lonsdale, Moora, Rocklands, Taylors Lake, Toolondo and Wartook storages as at 4 May 2021

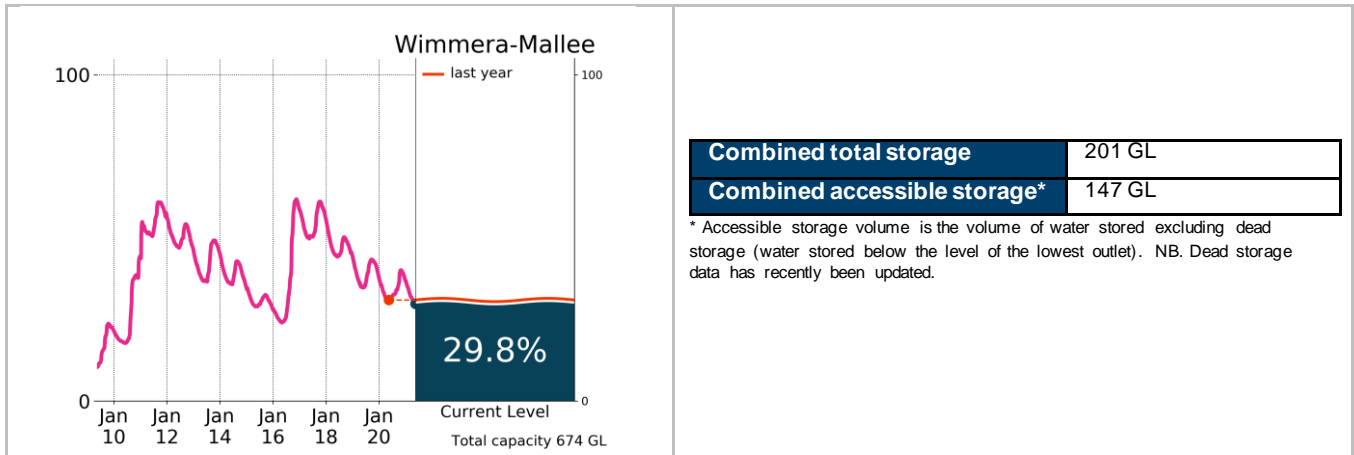


Figure 3: Current total storage (% of total capacity) compared to the last ten years

Source: [BoM water storages dashboard](#)

Who is the water for?

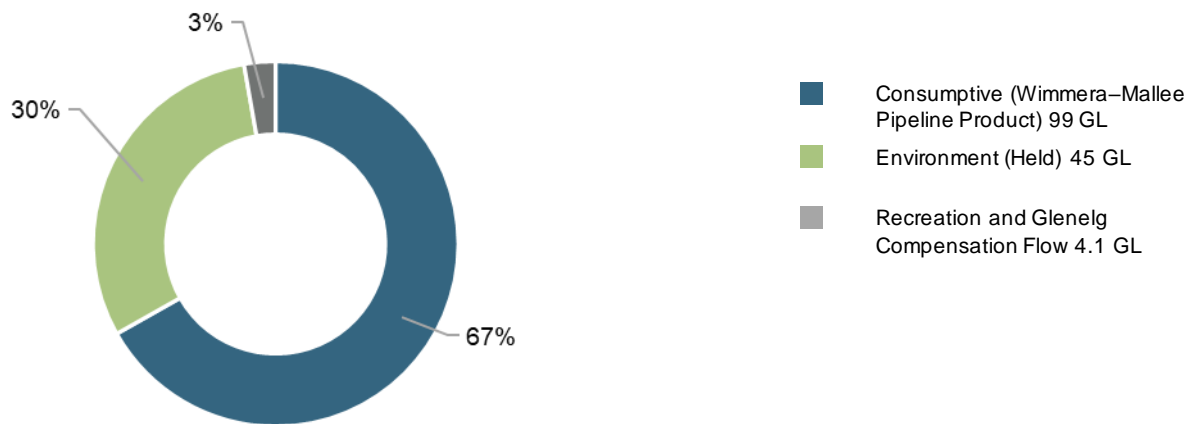


Figure 4: Volumes of water available, including carryover (% of total) (last updated 6 May 2021)

Source: [GWMWater](#)

Table 1: Allocation announcements (%) and market prices – selected licence categories as at 17 May 2021

Licence category	Announced allocation	Historic comparison (same time of year)	Entitlement prices (monthly median)	Allocation price (median – last 7 days)
Wimmera-Mallee Pipeline Product	57%	Similar to last year	n/a	n/a

Source: [GWMWater](#) and [BoM water markets dashboard](#)

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