

Coliban System (Northern)



Coliban System (Northern) consists of: Bendigo, Axedale, Heathcote, Raywood, Sebastian and Tooborac.

These customers can be supplied by the main Coliban catchment storages, 18% share of Lake Eppalock and the Goldfields Superpipe.

All of our supply systems have different sources of water and supply constraints. Please ensure you read the update relevant to your town.

We welcome your feedback on these updates to ensure we are providing information that is relevant and useful. Send your suggestions and feedback to our postal address:

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What we currently have in storage

Our Storages*	Lake Eppalock (our share)	Goulburn System Water [^]	Total ML (Megalitres)
1,789 ML	54,040 ML	35,229 ML	91,058 ML

* Sandhurst and Caledonia storages. Additional water is also stored in Coliban catchment storages and is held back for Coliban System (Southern) but is potentially available to supply Coliban System (Northern) if required.

[^] Includes 12,556 ML (95% of 13,217 ML) carryover from 2009/10 season, Goulburn System allocations, any temporary water purchases minus Superpipe pumping for this season.

Additional water source information

Water entitlement

Goulburn System entitlement	Allocation date	Allocation percentage	Allocation volume
22,709 ML	1 November 2010	100%	22,709 ML

Temporary water purchases & Goulburn pumping

Water purchased in month	Water purchased year to date	Goulburn transfers in month	Goulburn year to date
0 ML	0 ML	0 ML	62 ML

What we need for customer supply

Residential customers	Business, Industry and Rural	Operational Water **	Total ML (Megalitres)
8,000 ML	7,800 ML	8,000 ML	23,800 ML

Water needs for 12 months based on Stage 2 water restrictions and 70% rural allocation.

For all current water restriction levels refer to - www.coliban.com.au ** Operational water includes all losses e.g. evaporation, system losses, seepage and treatment process losses.

Further system information

> All Coliban Northern System townships (except Raywood and Sebastian) moved to Permanent Water Saving Rules from 15 January 2011.

> Lake Eppalock received 24.2 mm of rain for the month of April and inflows to Coliban Water's share of Lake Eppalock were 1,021 ML.

> Lake Eppalock stopped spilling from the January 2011 major rainfall event on 23 February 2011.

> 0 ML spilt from Coliban Water's share of Lake Eppalock in April.

> Coliban Water's Eppalock Pump Station remains out of action following major flooding of the station in the January flood.

> Campaspe Water Shares have received an allocation of 100% against both High Reliability and Low Reliability Water Shares. This is the first time since 2003/04 that the full 100% allocation has been announced.

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Water restrictions and rural season outlook

The initial rural allocation announcement for 2010/11 was made on 15 September 2010. Due to weather conditions and after consultation with customer groups, no further allocations will be made this season.

Raywood and Sebastian are on Stage 3 water restrictions.

Current	Water restriction outlook		Rural outlook
	PWSR	3 Months **	6 Months **
Wet	PWSR	PWSR	70%
Average	PWSR	PWSR	70%
Dry	PWSR	PWSR	70%

The outlook is based on inflows to storages as experienced over the past 10 years. Currently we are in average to dry inflow conditions.

Wet Inflow conditions that have 1 in 10 chance of being exceeded

Average Inflow conditions that have 5 in 10 chance of being exceeded

Dry Inflow conditions that have 9 in 10 chance of being exceeded

** Water restriction levels for the Coliban Northern System have been constrained by the treatment capacity of the Bendigo Water Treatment Plant whilst a major upgrade is underway. The first stage will be completed during December / January allowing restrictions to be eased. Completion of the upgrade is expected in the first half of 2011.

Consumption - actual versus forecast

The graph below indicates the actual demand in the Coliban System (Northern) compared with the forecast demand.

Monthly actual demand	Demand compared to forecast	Total consumption for 2010/11	Total Demand compared to forecast
676 ML	775 ML lower	7,061 ML	3,753 ML lower

