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## Coliban System (Southern)



*Coliban System (Southern) consists of: Castlemaine, Kyneton, Maldon, Newstead, Malmsbury, Harcourt, Tylden and Taradale.*

*These customers are supplied from the main storages, near Kyneton and Malmsbury.*

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.

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### What we need for customer supply

Residential customers	Business Industry and Rural	Operational water**	Total (Megalitres)
2,000ML	3,700ML	9,000ML	<b>14,700ML</b>

Water needs for 12 months based on current Stage 3 water restrictions and 30% rural allocation. For all current water restriction levels refer to - [www.coliban.com.au](http://www.coliban.com.au)

\*\* Operational water includes all losses eg. evaporation, system losses, seepage and treatment process losses.

### What we currently have in storage

Our storages* (Upper Coliban, Lauriston and Malmsbury)	Holding Basins (McCay and Barkers Creek)	Total (Megalitres)
16,024ML	1,154ML	<b>17,178ML</b>

\*Excluding environmental flow

### Additional water source information

#### Historical information on Coliban storage inflows

Long Term Average inflows for February	10 year average February inflows	Inflows for month of February last year	Inflows for February this year
858ML	196ML	41ML	0ML



**Further system information**

> 73.0mm of rainfall was received at our catchment storages located near Malmsbury. No inflows were recorded into our Upper Coliban, Lauriston and Malmsbury storages.

> Water restrictions were eased from Stage 4GE to Stage 3 on 1 December 2009.

For full details on Stage 3 water restrictions, click on the Water Restrictions link on our website.

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## Water restrictions and rural season outlook

We received 14.2GL of inflow over the last eight months and were able to announce an emergency water allocation for eligible commercial rural customers under a Ministerial Qualification. Water restrictions have also been eased.

Emergency supply rural customers also have access to an additional 20% of their licence volume via an arrangement that allowed a substitute for water purchased in the Goulburn system with water in Coliban Water's catchment storages. To the end of February, 94.7 megalitres has been traded this year.

	Water Restriction outlook		Rural Season allocation outlook	
	May	July	May	July
<b>Wet</b>	Stage 2	Stage 2	30%	30%
<b>Average</b>	Stage 3	Stage 3	EWS*	EWS*
<b>Dry</b>	Stage 3	Stage 3	EWS*	EWS*

The Outlook is based on inflows to storages as experienced over the the past 10 years. We are currently in dry 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
- \*EWS Emergency Water Supply

## Consumption - actual versus forecast

The graph below indicates the actual demand in the Coliban System (Southern) compared with the predicted demand for Stage 4GE and Stage 3 water restrictions as were applicable.

Coliban System (Southern) monthly actual demand for February was 90ML less than the forecast demand. Total consumption for 2009/10 is 1,533ML which is 276ML less than the forecast demand.

