

securing | our water future

Loddon System



Loddon supply system consists of: Bealiba, Bridgewater, Dunolly, Inglewood, Jarklin, Laanecoorie, Serpentine and Tarnagulla.

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 need for customer supply

| Residential customers | Business and industry | Operational water** | Total (Megalitres) |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 140ML | 60ML | 110ML | 310ML |

Water needs for 12 months based on Stage 4 water restrictions.

For all current water restriction levels refer to - www.coliban.com.au

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

What we currently have in allocation

| Loddon River bulk water entitlement* | Carry over water from last season | Temporary water purchased | Urban trade water | Total (Megalitres) |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 410ML | 113ML | 0ML | 0ML | 523ML |

* Coliban Water has access to 50% of its 820ML Bulk Entitlement while general irrigation allocations on the Loddon River system remain below 50%. This equates to 410ML.

Current volume extracted for 2009/2010 season

| Town | Volumes (Megalitres) |
|--|----------------------|
| Bridgewater / Inglewood | 164.0 |
| Jarklin | 1.2 |
| Laanecoorie / Bealiba / Dunolly / Tarnagulla | 79.1 |
| Serpentine [^] | 11.3 |
| Total | 255.6 |

[^]Due to high salinity levels in the Serpentine Creek, a percentage of Serpentine's water is being carted from Bendigo – Coliban system (Northern).



Further system information

>The continuing dry conditions in the Loddon River system have resulted in increased salinity of the river water.

The Bridgewater Desalination Plant was officially opened in December last year to help remove the salt from the drinking water supply and to improve taste.

However, the raw water available in the Loddon system is so highly saline, that any easing of water restrictions will depend on good winter inflows to the Loddon storages and the subsequent flushing of the current saline water from the Loddon River.

Additional water information

Bulk entitlement

| Loddon River annual bulk entitlement volume | Current allocation # |
|---|----------------------|
| 820ML | 50% |

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Water restrictions outlook

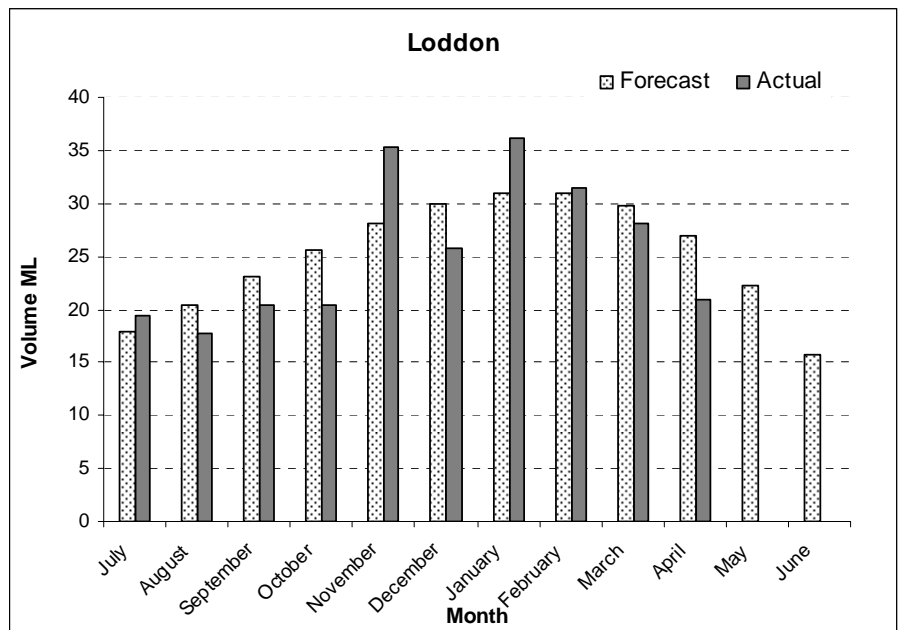
| | Water Restriction outlook | |
|----------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| | July | September |
| Wet | Stage 4 | Stage 4 |
| Average | Stage 4 | Stage 4 |
| Dry | Stage 4 | Stage 4 |

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

Consumption - actual versus forecast

The graph below indicates the actual demand in the Loddon system compared with the forecast demand for Stage 4.

Loddon monthly actual demand for April was 6ML less than the forecast demand. Total consumption for 2009/10 is 256ML which is 8ML less than the forecast demand.



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