

Coliban System (Southern) consists of: Castlemaine, Kyneton, Maldon, Newstead, Malmsbury, Harcourt, Fryerstown, Muckleford, Elphinstone, Tylden and Taradale. (These customers can be supplied by 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. Send your suggestions and feedback to our postal address: 37-45 Bridge Street, Bendigo 3550 or e-mail to: publicaffairs@coliban.com.au

What we need for customer supply

Residential customers	Business and industry	Operational water**	Total (Megalitres)
1,500ML	1,000ML	5,500ML	8,000ML

Water needs for 12 months based on current – Stage 4 (general exemption)

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 storage

Our storages (Upper Coliban, Lauriston and Malmsbury)	Holding Basins (McCay and Barkers Creek)	Total (Megalitres)
7,698ML	713ML	8,411ML

Additional water source information

Historical information on storage inflows

Long Term Average inflows for March	10 year average March inflows	Inflows for month of March last year	Inflows for March this year
433ML	0ML	0ML	0ML

Contingencies update

We have finalised our contingency plan and are now scoping alternate supply options for Castlemaine and Kyneton areas. One of these options is a connection of the Goldfields Superpipe to Castlemaine, which we are now investigating.

Further information

35mm of rainfall was received at our Headworks storages located near Malmsbury. Inflows into our storages were less than evaporation and seepage losses in April.

Water restrictions and rural season outlook

Our storage volumes continue to remain low with poor inflow recorded to date. Good inflows to our storages are still required to enable restriction levels to be eased and to declare a rural season. We are currently on Stage 4 (general exemption).

	Water Restriction outlook		Rural Season allocation outlook	
	July	September	July	September
Wet	Stage 4(GE)	Stage 3	0%	0%
Average	Stage 4(GE)	Stage 4(GE)	0%	0%
Dry	Stage 4(GE)	Stage 4(GE)	0%	0%

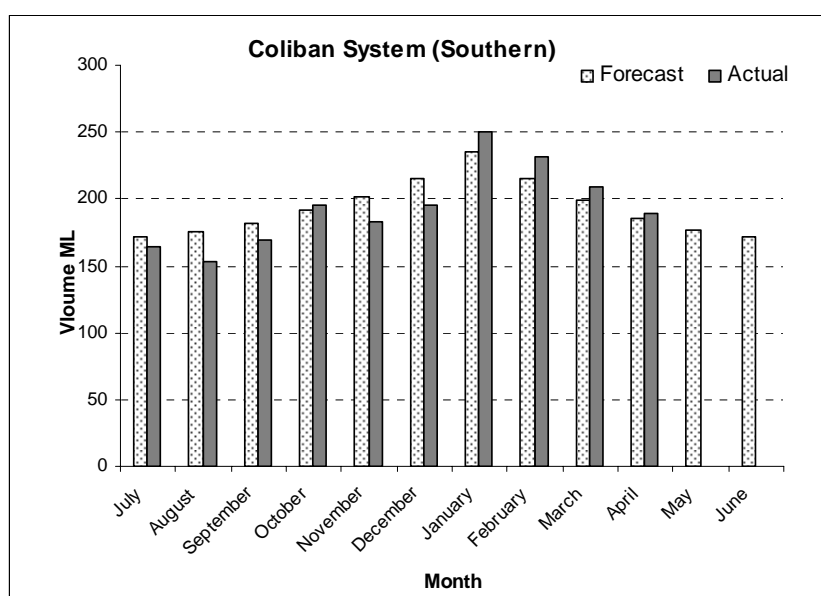
The Outlook is based on inflows to storages as experienced over the past 10 years; we are currently in dry conditions.

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 Southern system compared with the predicted demand for Stage 4 General Exemption.

Coliban System (Southern) monthly actual demand for April was 3ML higher than the forecast demand. Total consumption to date for 2008/09 is 1938ML which is 35ML less than the forecast demand.



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