

Coliban System (Southern) consists of: Castlemaine, Kyneton, Maldon, Newstead, Malmesbury, Harcourt, Fryerstown, Muckleford, Elphinstone, Tylden and Taradale. (These customers can be supplied by main storages near Kyneton and Malmesbury).

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 Malmesbury) | Holding Basins (McCay and Barkers Creek) | Total (Megalitres) |
|--|--|--------------------|
| 8,321ML | 1,338ML | 9,659ML |

Additional water source information

Historical information on storage inflows

| Long Term Average inflows for January | 10 year average January inflows | Inflows for month of January last year | Inflows for January this year |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 1,286ML | 0ML | 0ML | 0ML |

Contingencies update

We have finalised our contingency plan and are now scoping alternate supply options for the Castlemaine and Kyneton area. These options identified in the Contingency Plan, which is available on our website, are currently being investigated in more detail.

Further information

The Bendigo region didn't receive any rainfall in January which is well below the average of 33mm for the month. Zero rainfall was also received at our Headworks storages located near Malmesbury.

Water restrictions and rural season outlook

Our storage volumes continue to remain low with poor inflow recorded to date. It is unlikely that any easing of restriction levels will now occur until after the winter period. We are currently on Stage 4 (general exemption).

| | Water Restriction outlook | | Rural Season allocation outlook | |
|----------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|------|
| | April | June | April | June |
| Wet | Stage 4(GE) | Stage 3 | 30% | 30% |
| Average | Stage 4(GE) | Stage 4(GE) | EWS* | EWS* |
| Dry | Stage 4(GE) | Stage 4(GE) | EWS* | EWS* |

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

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| 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 |