



Australian Government

Commonwealth Environmental Water Office

Gwydir Water Allocation Sale

Market Information

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Commonwealth Holdings

The Commonwealth currently holds 16 per cent of the high and general security entitlements on issue in the Gwydir Regulated River Water Source. Table 1 provides a breakdown of entitlements held by the Commonwealth as a proportion of the high and general security entitlements on issue in the Gwydir Regulated River Water Source.

Table 1: Breakdown of regulated entitlements in the Gwydir Regulated River Water Source

Security Level	Entitlements on Issue (GL)	Commonwealth Holdings (GL)	% held by the Commonwealth
High Security	20.2	4.5	22%
General Security	509.7	89.6	18%
Supplementary	181.4	20.5	11%
TOTAL	711.3	114.5	16%

Recent allocation market developments

The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder has completed two (2) trades, resulting in the sale of 6,700 megalitres (ML) of Commonwealth environmental water in the Gwydir for a return of \$2,878,400 for the Murray Darling environment. The volume weighted average price (VWAP)¹ of successful bids was \$429.61 per ML. The last trade was registered on 18 January 2017.

During the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder's sale of water allocation in the Gwydir (9 January – 17 January), a further 9 allocation trades were recorded, totaling approximately 4,815.5 GL at a VWAP of \$322.81 per ML.

Climate and catchment conditions

The Bureau of Meteorology climate outlook released on 11 January 2018 confirmed the current La Nina. This event is forecast to be short lived and weaker than the previous La Niña in 2010-12. However February 2018 is likely to be wetter than average for much of the Gwydir catchment.

Announced allocation

On 10 January 2018 WaterNSW made an allocation announcement for Gwydir regulated river general security accounts, increasing allocation by 0.23 per cent to 17.4 per cent of entitlement. Copeton Dam (as at 10 January) was approximately 39 per cent full – falling – and holding approximately 539,000 megalitres (ML).

¹ To calculate the VWAP, the total value of water traded (\$) is divided by the total volume of water traded (ML).

For further information

<http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/water-management/water-availability/water-allocation-statements>

<http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks>

<http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/water-licensing/registers>