

Progress of water recovery towards Groundwater SDLs under the Basin Plan

Contracted groundwater recovery as at 30 June 2021

SDL Resource Unit (or Shared Zone)	Sustainable Diversion Limit Reduction Amount			Bridging the Gap Recovery Progress		Remaining
	Local Target (GL)	Shared Target (GL)	Total Target (GL)	Commonwealth Contracted Recovery (GL) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Total Recovery (GL)	Total recovery remaining (GL)
QLD Upper Condamine Alluvium (Central Condamine Alluvium)	35.40	N/A	35.40	35.15	35.15	0.25
QLD Upper Condamine Alluvium (Tributaries) ⁽³⁾	3.05		3.05	0.10	0.10	2.95
Total Basin	38.45	N/A	38.45	35.25	35.25	3.20

Registered groundwater recovery as at 30 June 2021

SDL Resource Unit (or Shared Zone)	Sustainable Diversion Limit Reduction Amount			Registered Bridging the Gap Recovery Progress		Total water held by the Commonwealth (GL) ⁽⁴⁾
	Local Target (GL)	Shared Target (GL)	Total Target (GL)	Contracted Recovery ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (GL)	Registered Recovery (GL)	
QLD Upper Condamine Alluvium (Central Condamine Alluvium)	35.40	N/A	35.40	35.15	35.15	35.15
QLD Upper Condamine Alluvium (Tributaries) ⁽³⁾	3.05		3.05	0.10	0.10	0.10
NSW Murrumbidgee	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00	0.00	5.08
NSW Murray	N/A		N/A	0.00	0.00	1.50
NSW Lachlan	N/A		N/A	0.00	0.00	0.02
Total Basin	38.45	N/A	38.45	35.25	35.25	41.85

Notes

For total water recoveries allow for minor rounding. All water recovery figures are expressed in gigalitres per year long term average annual yield (GL/y) terms. Water recovery amounts are calculated consistent with accredited Water Resource Plans (WRPs) or are shown with updated factors for New South Wales. All Overland Flow water recoveries have their factors individually modelled by Queensland for the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA). WRPs are prepared by Basin states for accreditation under the Basin Plan. These plans may change the long-term diversion limit equivalent factors, affecting the final LTAAY value of entitlements held in an SDL resource unit.

Groundwater recovery does not contribute to the surface water recovery target, additional groundwater recovered in New South Wales does not count towards the Queensland groundwater target.

1. Water recovery is reported at the point at which water savings or purchase have been received, estimated or agreed in signed contracts. Until water transfer contracts have been exchanged, however these figures may be subject to change over time.
2. Total recoveries against gap bridging targets have changed as cap factors are updated and WRPs are finalised. The Queensland government in conjunction with the MDBA has updated the calculation methods for LTAAY factors incorporating the most recent information. Updated factors have been released ahead of accreditation of all WRPs for some WRP areas. Further information on the updated factors is available at: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/mining-energy-water/water/catchments-planning/qld-murray-darling-basin>
3. Queensland reviewed groundwater Baseline Diversion Limits (BDLs) as a part of the WRP process. This review highlighted licences that were authorised to take water from from three groundwater resources. Queensland has amended these licences so they may take water from one resource only. With a reduction in the BDL and the SDL remaining the same, the water recovery target in this SDL resource unit decreases by 1.95 GL/y to 3.05 GL/y.
4. Includes water recoveries which are not part of the Basin Plan targets.