

**Newsletter to Customers of Barossa Infrastructure Ltd**

13 May 2026

*Potential for Reduced BIL Water Availability Next Water Year*

The Department for Environment and Water has released a Water Security Statement that shows SA River Murray water allocation percentages might open at 62%. They might increase to 100% in average or wet conditions across the Murray Darling Basin but remain below 100% in moderate or drier condition.

DEW’s current Statement can be found [here](#), and the key diagram is included below.

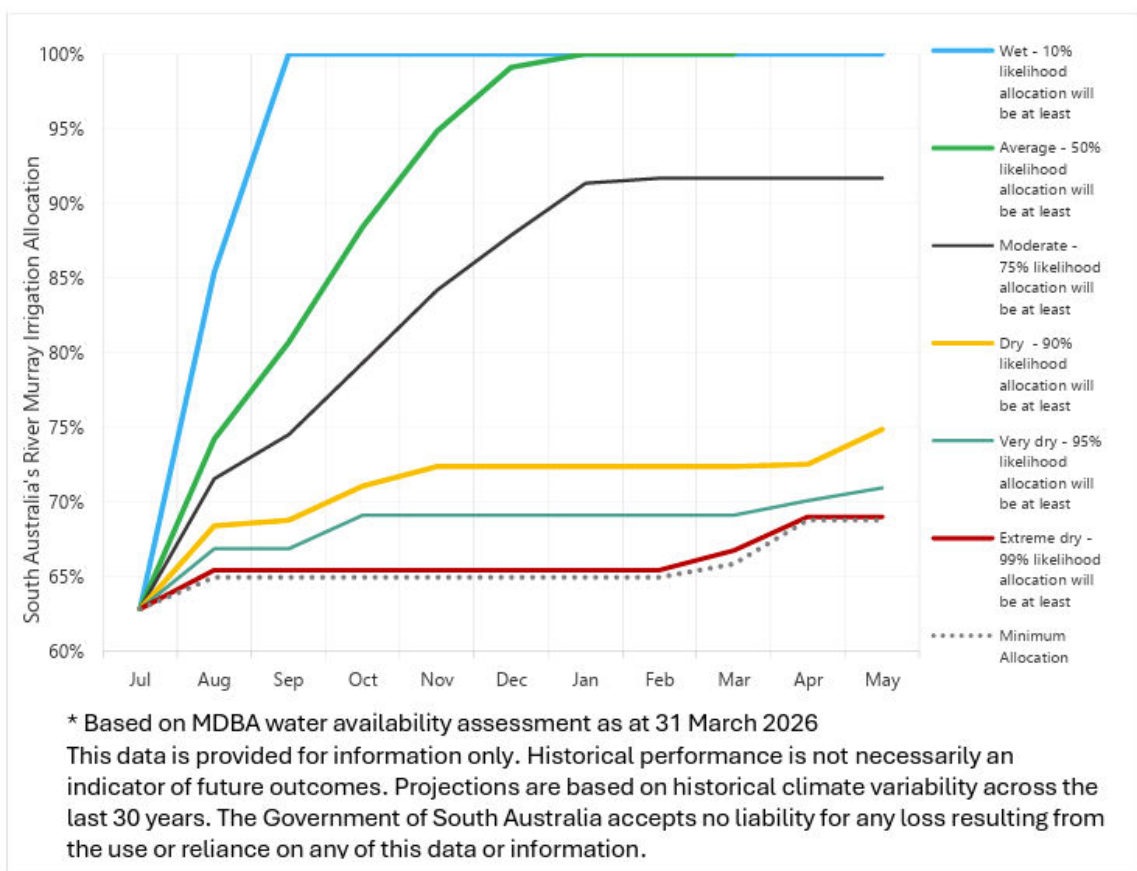


Figure 1 - Projected water allocation scenarios for SA River Murray Class 3 (High Security) entitlements

BIL’s Drought Policy matches BIL Customer water allocation percentages with the SA River Murray Class 3 (irrigation) allocation percentage.

The Drought Policy explains how your water availability will be impacted.

The approach is intended to be fair and reasonable for all BIL Customers. It is the approach used by BIL during the millennium drought and in WY19/20.

The Drought Policy is on [BIL’s website](#) and is attached to this newsletter.

Summary of Key Points

If South Australian River Murray Class 3 (irrigation) water allocation percentages are less than 100% on 1 October:

- Your available water will be reduced to the same allocation percentage:  
BIL Water Entitlement x allocation percentage = available water
- If SA River Murray Class 3 allocations increase, so will the water available from your BIL Water Entitlements.
- If you want to use water above this reduced amount:
  - Try to find a Temporary Transfer from another BIL customer
  - Speak with BIL about Additional Water (an extra up-front charge or your own River Murray allocations will apply).
- Excess water is calculated based on the reduced water availability.

BIL and the Board regularly monitor weather conditions, water storage levels and water allocation percentages in the Murray-Darling Basin and take various steps to ensure BIL Customers have access to water.

Please contact Simon Schutz, General Manager, on 0403 743 199 if you would like to discuss your water circumstances or needs.

*April Invoices Due 31 May 2026*

If you need us to re-send your April invoice before the 31 May 2026 due date, please get in touch. As a reminder, the due date was delayed to help align this payment with the late vintage and hence delayed grape payments.

If you have any questions, please let me know.



Simon Schutz | General Manager

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