

# Pre-Allocation Update

## SOUTHERN CONNECTED SYSTEM

### Key Events

14.03.2018

Key market events from the last fortnight

**Contact your broker to discuss how this could impact your water requirements**

### FORTNIGHTLY ALLOCATIONS

The next Allocations will be announced on 15 March for VIC and NSW.

### TRADING RESTRICTIONS

**The Barmah Choke** opened in the past month and remains open.

**Trade from NSW to VIC** Current risk of spill limit allows 200GL net trade from NSW to VIC.

**Murrumbidgee IVT limit** has been reached. Trade into the Murrumbidgee is now closed.

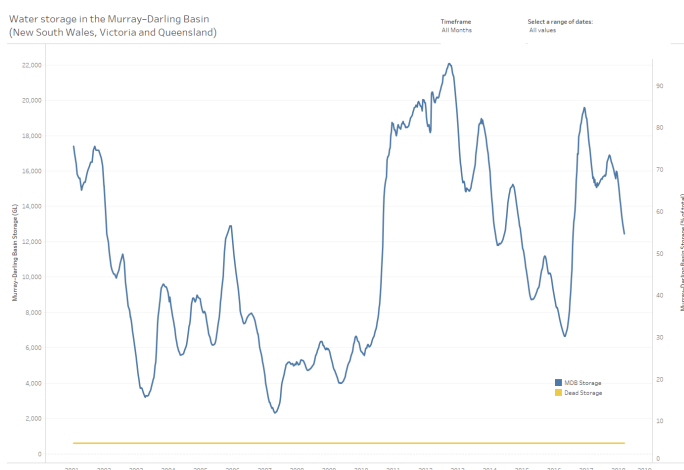
**Trade out of the Goulburn** remains closed.

**Temporary trade in and out of Lower Darling Regulated River** has closed.

### LA NIÑA ENDED

The 2017–18 La Niña has ended. El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) indicators have eased back to neutral levels over the past several weeks. This means the ENSO Outlook has shifted from LA NIÑA to INACTIVE. The weak and short-lived La Niña had relatively little effect on Australian rainfall patterns over the 2017–18 summer. However, it may have kept temperatures higher than average in southern parts of the country due to weather patterns being slower moving, and further south than normal.

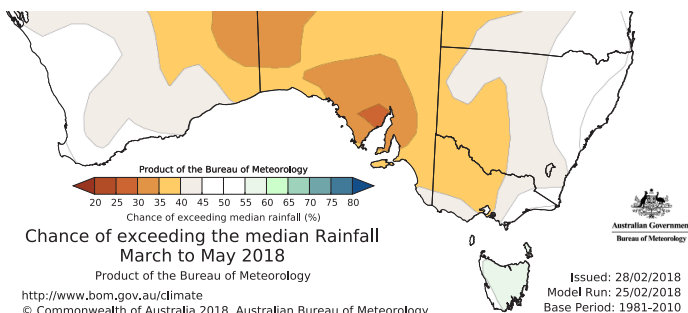
### MDB ACTIVE STORAGE AND PROJECTED RAINFALL



With limited rainfall over the past month, storage in the Murray-Darling Basin continued to trend downwards, sitting at 55%. The last year that storage conditions were similar in March was 2014, where levels reached 54.86%. Not long after, a substantial rain event resulted in positive inflows from mid May.

Unlike 2014, the BOM has stated that rainfall across the Murray-Darling Basin is likely to be below average for March to May.

If this occurs, active storage in the Murray-Darling Basin will continue to trend downwards as watering programs continue throughout the next few months.



TEMPORARY WATER PRICE (\$/ML)   CHANGE SINCE 1 FEBRUARY			
<b>NSW Murray 10</b>	\$120↑	<b>NSW Murray 11</b>	\$120↑
<b>VIC 6</b>	\$110↑	<b>NSW Murrumbidgee</b>	\$160↑
- ABOVE BARMAH CHOKE -		<b>VIC 1A</b>	\$80-
		<b>VIC 7</b>	\$120↑
		<b>SA Murray</b>	\$120↑
- BELOW BARMAH CHOKE -			

**Table 1. Current Allocations | 15 February**

NEW SOUTH WALES		VICTORIA		SOUTH AUSTRALIA	
Murrumbidgee HS	95%	Goulburn HR	100%	SA Irrigation (Class 3)	100%
Murrumbidgee GS	34%	Campaspe HR	100%	Stock & Domestic (Class 1)	100%
NSW Murray HS	97%	Murray HR	100%	Industry (Class 5)	100%
NSW Murray GS	49%	Loddon HR	100%	Recreation (Class 4)	100%