

## Commonwealth water recovery and expenditure in the Murray-Darling Basin

Volumes based on recovery factors and expenditure as at 31 August 2022 <sup>1</sup>

(Expenditure includes all activities in the MDB, including non-water recovery projects)

Financial Year	Gap Bridging Recovery <sup>2,3,4,5,6</sup>						
	Gap Bridging Infrastructure (\$m) <sup>7,8,10,11</sup>	Gap Bridging Infrastructure (GL/y) <sup>10,11,12,13</sup>	Purchase (\$m) <sup>7,8</sup>	Purchase Open Tender Surface Water (GL/y)	Purchase Limited Tender Surface Water (GL/y)	Purchase Open Tender Groundwater (GL/y) <sup>9</sup>	Purchase Limited Tender Groundwater (GL/y)
2007-08	86.0	-	33.1	14.2	-	-	-
2008-09	55.8	-	371.7	257.2	-	-	-
2009-10	189.1	0.7	780.2	299.0	-	-	-
2010-11	221.2	68.8	357.7	196.4	1.4	-	-
2011-12	527.6	190.8	540.9	192.9	109.4	-	-
2012-13	520.5	72.0	112.9	24.1	41.3	-	-
2013-14	492.4	259.6	55.9	15.7	5.5	-	-
2014-15	557.1	27.5	60.8	2.8	-	-	-
2015-16	262.6	25.9	40.0	2.8	3.1	1.6	0.7
2016-17	507.1	42.2	23.9	-	33.4	0.4	-
2017-18	426.4	2.1	117.2	-	27.2	-	-
2018-19	229.6	-	159.7	-	-	31.1	1.0
2019-20	108.5	-	17.6	-	4.6	0.5	-
2020-21	113.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021-22	212.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
2022-23	12.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,521.6</b>	<b>689.6</b>	<b>2,671.6</b>	<b>1,005.2</b>	<b>226.0</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>

### General Notes:

- Estimates of water recovery are calculated using water recovery factors that allow for comparison with Basin Plan targets. The factors are subject to revision through the Water Resource Plan accreditation process to account for the best available information. This table has been prepared consistent with accredited WRPs and revised NSW factors, which may change once those WRP's are finalised. Further information is available at: [www.dcceew.gov.au/water/policy/mdb/water-recovery/progress-recovery/accounting](http://www.dcceew.gov.au/water/policy/mdb/water-recovery/progress-recovery/accounting)
- All water recovery figures are expressed in gigalitres per year long-term average annual yield (GL/y) terms.
- Allow for minor variations in totals due to rounding.
- The water recovery data provided is considered accurate to the nearest megalitre, being the third decimal place.
- The water entitlements referred to in this table are held by the Commonwealth and do not include state held environmental water entitlements.
- Water recovery is reported at the point at which water savings or purchase have been received, estimated or agreed under contract or through a funding agreement. Contracted arrangements may change prior to settlement in some circumstances.
- Expenditure includes actual Administered funding only.
- The purchase and infrastructure expenditure corresponds to settlement and infrastructure milestone payment dates and therefore may not align with the reported water volumes for that financial year.
- The 2019-20 groundwater recovery figure includes 0.5 GL/y gifted to the Commonwealth by the Queensland government, which was acquired through compulsory license reductions to achieve the SDL target in the QLD Upper Condamine Alluvium groundwater resource unit.
- Infrastructure recovery and expenditure includes SRWUIP expenditure within the Murray-Darling Basin and the efficiency and purchase component of the SA River Murray Sustainability Program (\$122.548m).
- Infrastructure expenditure includes the SA Riverine Recovery Project. This project recovered 7.2 GL/y which does not contribute to gap-bridging targets and has been excluded from the water recovery volumes above.
- Water Smart Australia program water recovery of 2.2 GL/y has been excluded. It is not possible to identify the portion of project funding that achieved this recovery.
- The Mitiamo Pipeline Project water recovery of 1.0 GL/y has been excluded as the project was funded through the National Water Grid Fund.

### Abbreviations used

GL/y	Gigalitres per year of Long-Term Annual Average Yield
LT	Limited tender
MDB	Murray-Darling Basin
OT	Open tender
SARMSP	SA River Murray Sustainability Program
SDL	Sustainable Diversion Limit
SRWUIP	Sustainable Rural Water Use Infrastructure Program
WRP	Water Resource Plans