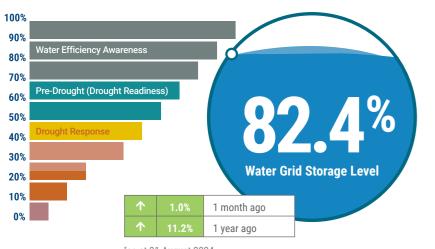
# WATER SECURITY STATUS REPORT August 2024

## **Overall water security position**



\*as at 31 August 2024

In August, rainfall was above average across most of the region and maximum temperatures were average to above average. Water Grid Storage (WGS) level increased by 1.0% in August 2024.

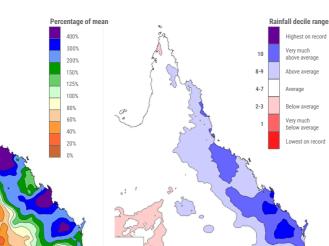
The El Nino- Southern Oscillation Index is currently neutral. According to the Bureau of Meteorology's (BOM) model, Sea Surface Temperatures (SSTs) in the tropical Pacific may briefly touch on La Niña thresholds in spring. The Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is currently neutral. August 2024 SSTs are tracking to be the second warmest on record for that month.

Storage levels are now sitting at 82.4% (at 31 August 2024) indicating the region is no longer in the Pre-drought (Drought Readiness) phase of the SEQ Drought Response Plan. BOM advises there is a 55-65% chance of above median rainfall in September to November, and a strong expectation of hot conditions (>70% chance of above median maximum temperatures).

The source is meeting demand in all off-grid communities. Dayboro exited drought readiness trigger 1 in August when the groundwater well number 1 raised above 40.7m AHD.

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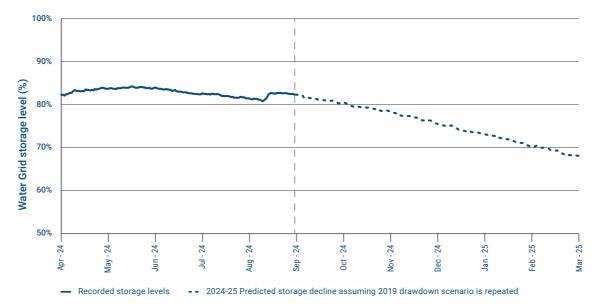
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Australian Gridded Climate Data

## Water Grid storage

Global sea surface temperatures have been the warmest on record for each month between April 2023 and June 2024. July 2024 SSTs are comparable with 2023. Both July 2023 and July 2024 are much warmer than any other July on record. August 2024 SSTs are tracking to be the second warmest on record for that month.

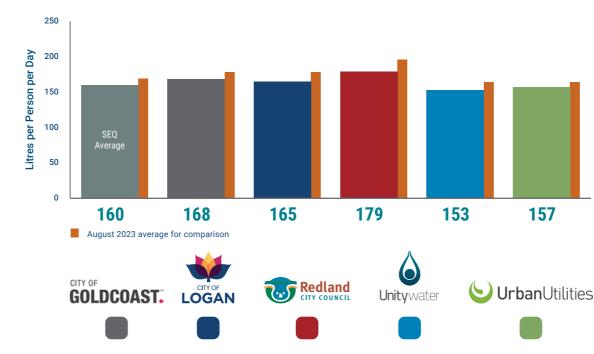
If very dry conditions return (similar to the very dry year of 2019) storages could return to 70% by February 2025, and to a level of 60% by October 2025.



## Average daily residential consumption

Average residential consumption in July was 160 litres per person per day (LPD). This represents a decrease in consumption compared to the 169 LPD recorded in the same month last year.

\*Date range is 1/08/2024 - 28/08/2024 and 1/08/2023 - 28/08/2023

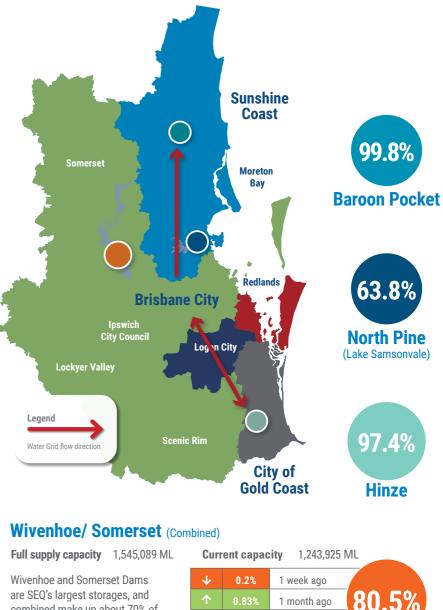


## Water Grid operation

## **Purified Recycled Water**

## **Desalinated water production**

maintenance.



combined make up about 70% of the region's water supply (dams).



The Northern Pipeline Interconnector has been operated in a northerly flow direction. The Southern Regional Water Pipeline has been operated in a dual flow direction.

Seqwater continues to supply some Purified Recycled Water to industrial customers.

Gold Coast Desalination Plant (GCDP) continues to operate at minimal levels with Water Grid Storage levels above 70%. Production was ramped up on 22nd August to support Grid

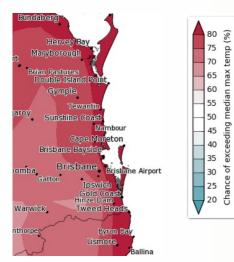
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## Weather outlook

### Temperature

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) outlook is that there is a greater than 70% chance of exceeding median maximum temperature from September to November.



http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks/#/temperature/maximum/median/seasonal/0

\*as at 31 August 2024

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## **Off-grid community drought status**

The SEQ Water Grid allows us to move treated drinking water around the region. Off-grid communities are not connected to the SEQ Water Grid. \*This data has been updated as at 31 August 2024

Sunshine Coast Regional Council				
1	Kenilworth	Mary River at Bellbird Creek flow: 76.3 ML/day	٠	
More	ton Bay Regional	l Council		
2	Dayboro	Groundwater Well No 1 standing water level: 40.73 m AHD	٠	
Some	erset Regional Co	ouncil		
3	Jimna	Yabba Creek flow - Big Hole Weir is flowing.	٠	
4	Linville	Brisbane River at Linville 28.8 ML/day	٠	
Redla	and City Council			
5	Amity Point			
6	Point Lookout	North Stradbroke Island Groundwater standing water level (primary bore): 19.5 m AHD	•	
7	Dunwich			
Scen	ic Rim Regional (	Council		
8	<b>Kalbar</b> (Boonah, Aratula and Mount Alford)	Moogerah Dam storage level: 94.4%		
9	Canungra	Canungra Creek flow: 29.0 ML/day	٠	

Maroon Dam storage level: 100%

Rainfall

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Cape Moreton

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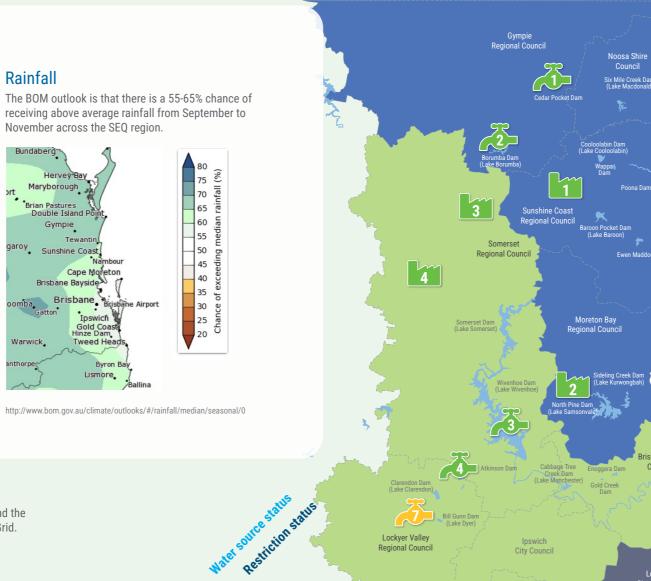
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- iency awareness
- Increased water efficiency messaging
- Voluntary conservation
- Medium level water restrictions
- High level water restrictions or greater

## Water supply scheme status

Seqwater supplies water to rural landholders and businesses that are licensed to take water from dams and waterways via water supply schemes. The amount of water that can be extracted by licensed irrigators varies according to local water conditions. In times of drought or low flows, irrigation entitlements may be restricted or suspended.

\*as at 31 August 2024









**Cedar Pocket Water Supply Scheme** Cedar Pocket Dam currently 101% (Up 2.3% from last month) **Announced Allocations** Medium Priority 100%



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Scenic Rim 12 Regional Council Redland City Council

City of Gold Coast

### Mary Valley Water Supply Scheme

Borumba Dam currently 100% (Up 0.9% from last month) Inced Allocations Medium Priority 100% (also supplies high priority)



#### **Central Brisbane Water Supply Scheme** enhoe Dam/Somerset Dam currently 85.5% (Up 0.8% from last month) Announced Allocations Medium Priority 100% (also supplies high priority)



Lower Lockyer Water Supply Scheme Atkinson Dam currently 77.4% (Down 0.7% from last month) **Announced Allocations** Medium Priority 100%



Warrill Valley Water Supply Scheme Moogerah Dam currently 94.4% (Down 0.4% from last month) Announced Allocations Medium Priority 100% (also supplies high priority)



#### Logan River Water Supply Scheme Maroon Dam currently 100% (Up 0.3% from last month) unced Allocations Medium Priority 100%

(also supplies high priority)



#### **Central Lockyer Water Supply Scheme** Clarendon Dam & Bill Gunn Dam currently 67.8%

(Down 1.5% from last month) Announced allocation (surface water) (groundwater)

Morton Vale 100%, Medium Priority Zones 55% Announced allocation Medium Priority 100%, Low Priority 100%

