



## Upper Murrumbidgee Drought Operating Framework Weekly Report

### Current drought operations status at 26/03/2026

Not active

### Low flow triggers and release patterns 26/03/2026

Trigger Location	Status	Framework Requirement
Tantangara Dam	Not Active	Release 30 ML/day when scheduled releases are 0 ML/day and flows in the Murrumbidgee River above Tantangara Dam are at or below 27ML/day.
Mittagang Crossing	Not Active	Make additional releases from Tantangara Dam to maintain a flow of 32 ML/day at the Mittagang Crossing gauge.
Lobbs Hole	Not Active	Make additional releases from Tantangara Dam targeting a baseflow of between 50-75 ML / day with pulses of between 200-475 ML/ day when flows at in the Murrumbidgee River below Lobbs Hole Creek gauging station fall below 50 ML/day for 5 consecutive days.

Report for period 19/03/2026 to 25/03/2026

### Gauged flows at trigger locations

Date	Murrumbidgee R above Tantangara (ML/day)	Murrumbidgee R at Mittagang Crossing (ML/day)	Murrumbidgee R below Lobbs Hole Ck (ML/day)
19/03/2026	47	55	127
20/03/2026	61	61	#N/A
21/03/2026	47	77	#N/A
22/03/2026	38	83	163
23/03/2026	37	164	175
24/03/2026	32	257	376
25/03/2026	29	127	362

### Daily releases and accounting of contingency flows

Date	Tantangara Dam Release (ML/day)	Contingency flows (ML/day)	Trigger activated
19/03/2026	43	0	Not Active
20/03/2026	43	0	Not Active
21/03/2026	341	0	Not Active
22/03/2026	76	0	Not Active
23/03/2026	36	0	Not Active
24/03/2026	75	0	Not Active
25/03/2026	31	0	Not Active
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	

#### Notes:

- This report uses operational data. Final volumes published by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water may differ following subsequent data quality assurance processes.
- A monthly report of contingency flow volumes is available at [dceew.gov.au/water/policy/programs/water-reform/improving-health-upper-murrumbidgee](https://dceew.gov.au/water/policy/programs/water-reform/improving-health-upper-murrumbidgee)
- Flow data for the Murrumbidgee River at Mittagang Crossing (410033) and the Murrumbidgee River below Lobbs Hole Creek (410761) are sourced from WaterNSW's WaterInsights portal at [waterinsights.watersnsw.com.au](https://waterinsights.watersnsw.com.au)
- All reported volumes are daily volumes in megalitres for the 24 hour period ending at 2400 EST