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Water management in NSW
WaterNSW operates the state’s river system and storages in accordance with the rules set out by regulators.

Stretching supply
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Recent timeline

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Algal blooms associated with low flows and high temperature affecting water quality.

Business impacts for both planning and irrigation phases of business cycle.

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