

Drought response Barwon Darling

March 2019



Long term
average inflow

2,773_{GL}

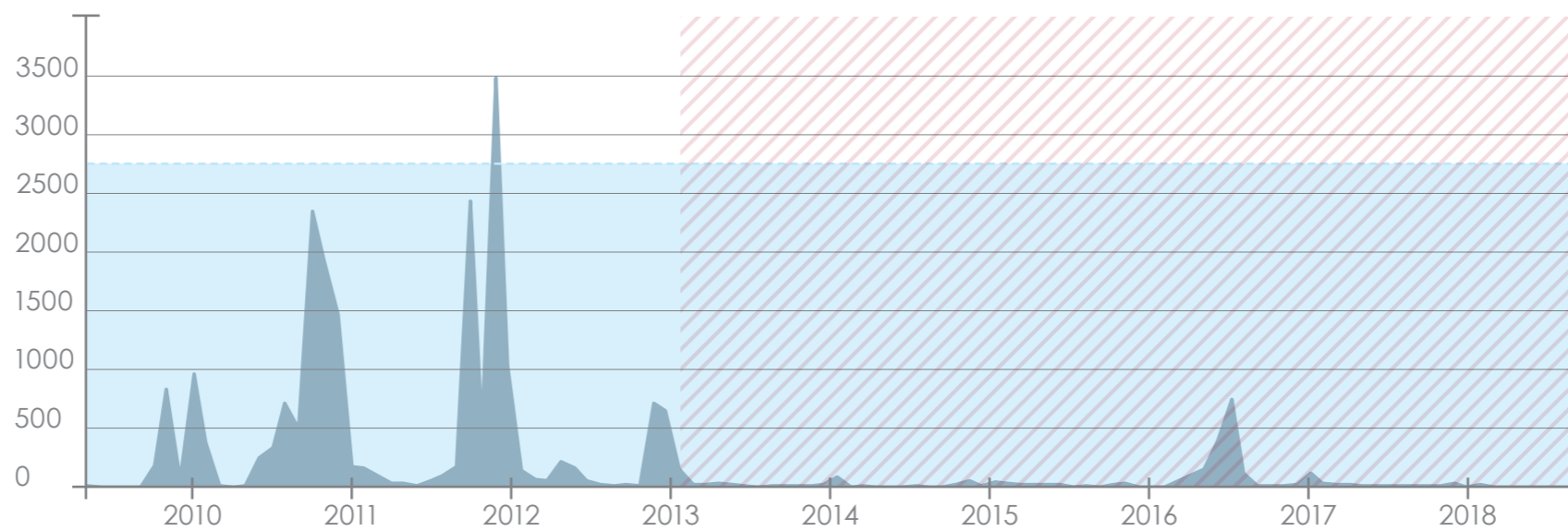


Actual inflow
for 2017–2018

153_{GL}



Water inflow (GL)



Recent timeline

- Average annual inflow
- Actual annual inflow
- Current drought

The Barwon-Darling river system receives inflows from four Northern NSW regulated river valleys; Border Rivers, Gwydir, Namoi and Macquarie as well as from several catchments in Queensland.



Stretching supply

Since 2012, only **15% of inflows** into the Northern NSW Regulated Rivers has been extracted by users.

There has been **no extraction** by irrigators in 2018/19 in the Barwon Darling.

Drought impacts

NSW is experiencing one of the **most severe droughts on record**.

Water supplies for towns along the Barwon-Darling are extremely limited with high level water restrictions in place.



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

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



What are we doing?

We have implemented a range of measures to **protect the needs** of those who rely on the river.

An embargo was placed on 2017/18 inflows from QLD to provide flows for critical needs.



Water quality monitoring to provide information to Government agencies, water entitlement holders and the community.

Collaborating with all levels of government to provide expert advice and investigate a range of solutions.



Water management in NSW

WaterNSW operates the state's river system and storages in accordance with the rules set out by regulators.



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