Under normal conditions when there are enough inflows, water is allocated to customers, towns and the environment. We store it in our dams (like a bank) for it to be drawn on when needed.

What are we doing?
With careful management we have delayed the worst impacts of this drought by up to 12 months.

Block releases from Copeton Dam have helped to extend supplies.

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.

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

Until it rains, future water deliveries from Copeton Dam will be limited.

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

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

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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