

Dams in the Northern Rivers region

Fact sheet

About WaterNSW

WaterNSW operates the state's dams, capturing and storing water, and then supplying it ready for distribution – for the environment, agriculture, industry and the community.

With 41 major dams and hundreds of waterways across the state, we play a vital role at the source of the state's water, delivering two thirds of all water used in NSW.

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Toonumbar Dam

Situated in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range above Casino and Lismore on the North Coast, Toonumbar Dam helps irrigate the Richmond Valley and supplies water to towns and farmers along Iron Pot and Eden creeks and the Richmond River.

It is the most northern dam in NSW and holds water from a 9,800ha catchment. The dam's surface area is equal to nearly 500 football fields and its wall is taller than a 13-storey building.

The dam is also a popular fishing and water sport destination.

Pindari Dam

Pindari Dam is a popular sport and recreation destination north of Inverell near the NSW-Queensland border.

The dam is also an important part of the Border Rivers system for irrigation, town supplies and environmental flows.

Pindari Dam recently celebrated its 55th anniversary. Read more about the dam's history and memories from over the years at waternsw.com.au/communitynews.

Toonumbar and Pindari Dam

