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Report on energy in storage levels and energy security assessment for mainland Tasmania as at 5 February 2024.

Status

- Energy in storage is above the Prudent Storage Level.
- Energy in storage is equivalent to 6.5 months average seasonal demand.[^]
- Risk response: Normal - commercial operation of Hydro Tasmania generation.
- Hydro Tasmania reports that storages remain above the High Reliability Level over the next 120 days in all of its simulated inflow sequences.

Water storage situation

As at 5 February 2024 (GWh)	System	PSL	HRL
Energy in storage (EIS)	6 064	4 894	3 869
Percentage full supply [#]	42.0%	33.9%	26.8%
Total January yield [~] (GWh)	238		

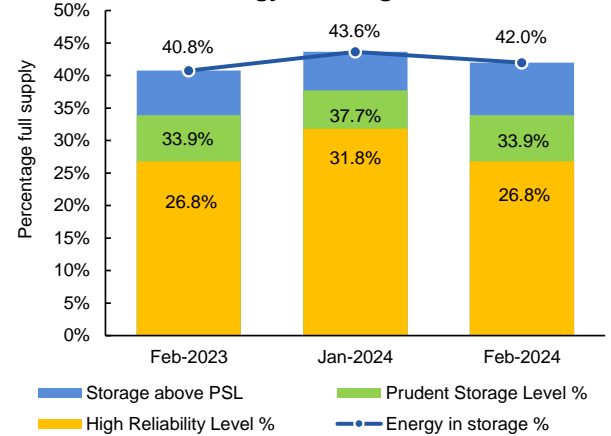
Comparison

Previous month (as at 1 January 2024) (GWh)	6 300
Change from last month (GWh)	3.8% ↓
Change from February last year (GWh)	3.1% ↑

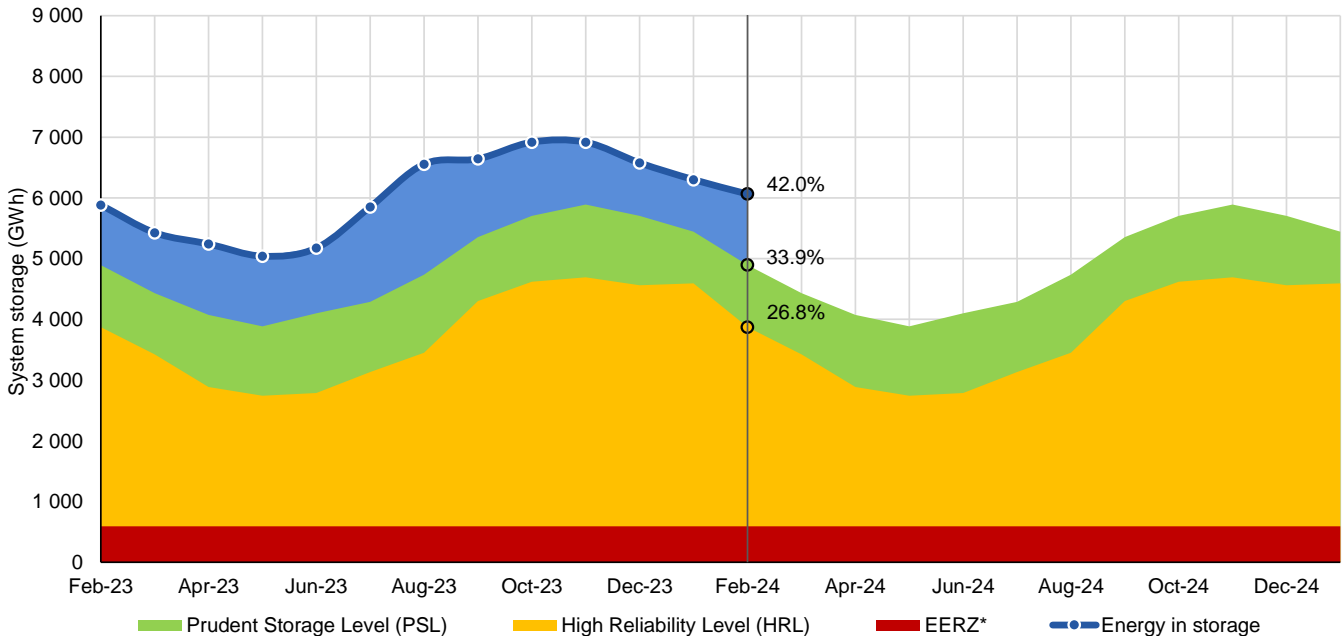
Energy security assessment

No additional monitoring activities required.

Energy in storage - status



Energy in storage (mainland Tasmania) - February 2023 to February 2024



[^] Average seasonal demand for the energy in storage equivalent is approximately 927 GWh per month.

[#] Total system supply is 14 437 GWh (excludes Lake Gairdner, Lake Margaret and Lake Plimsoll).

[~] Inflows for the calendar month minus losses due to evaporation.

* System storage associated with Great Lake Environmental Extreme Risk Zone (EERZ).

HRL = High Reliability Level (threshold to which reserve water is held for energy security purposes, where the reserve is sufficient to withstand a six month Basslink outage coinciding with a very low inflow sequence, and avoid extreme environmental risk for Great Lake).

PSL = Prudent Storage Level (additional storage to result in a low likelihood of entering the HRL under normal operating conditions).

EIS = Energy in storage (the volume of water available for electricity generation in Hydro Tasmania's dams as a percentage of full supply).

January 2024 generation (mainland Tasmania)

Consumption

Tasmanian monthly consumption 842.3 GWh

Renewable generation

Hydro generation 435.7 GWh

Wind generation 153.8 GWh

Gas generation

Gas generation 13.0 GWh

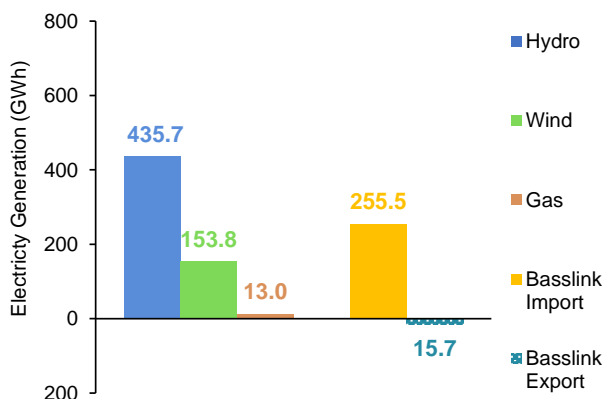
Basslink interconnector

Basslink imports 255.5 GWh

Basslink exports 15.7 GWh

Basslink net imports 239.8 GWh

Energy generation mix and Basslink flows - January 2024



Energy security outlook

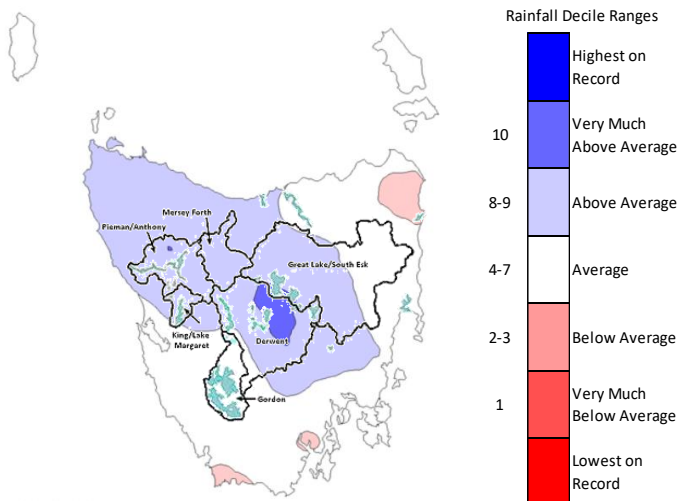
Rainfall in Tasmania - January 2024

Rainfall during January 2024 was above average across all of Hydro Tasmania's catchments, with the exception of Gordon which saw average rainfall. Rainfall across Tasmania was 21 per cent above the January average. The mean maximum temperature in January 2024 was 1.17°C above average.

Three month forecast

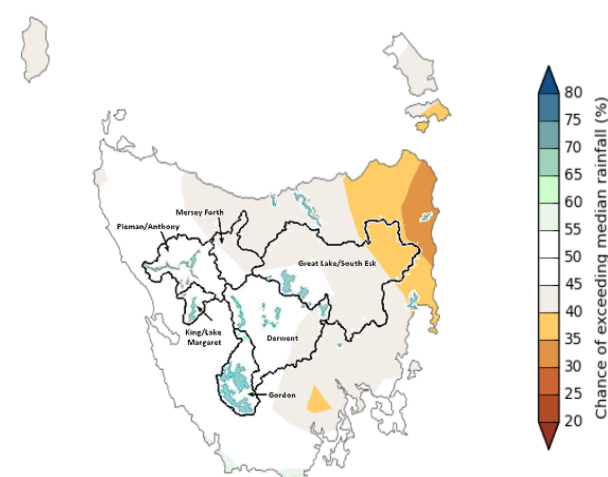
The Bureau of Meteorology's three month climate outlook for February 2024 to April 2024, issued on 6 February 2024, indicates slightly below median rainfall across Hydro Tasmania's Great Lake/South Esk and Mersey Forth catchments, and median rainfall across the remaining catchments.

Monthly rainfall deciles for Tasmania 1 January - 31 January 2024



Source: Bureau of Meteorology, Monthly Climate Summary for Tasmania.

Likelihood of exceeding the median rainfall February 2024 to April 2024



Source: Bureau of Meteorology, Monthly Climate Outlook.

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