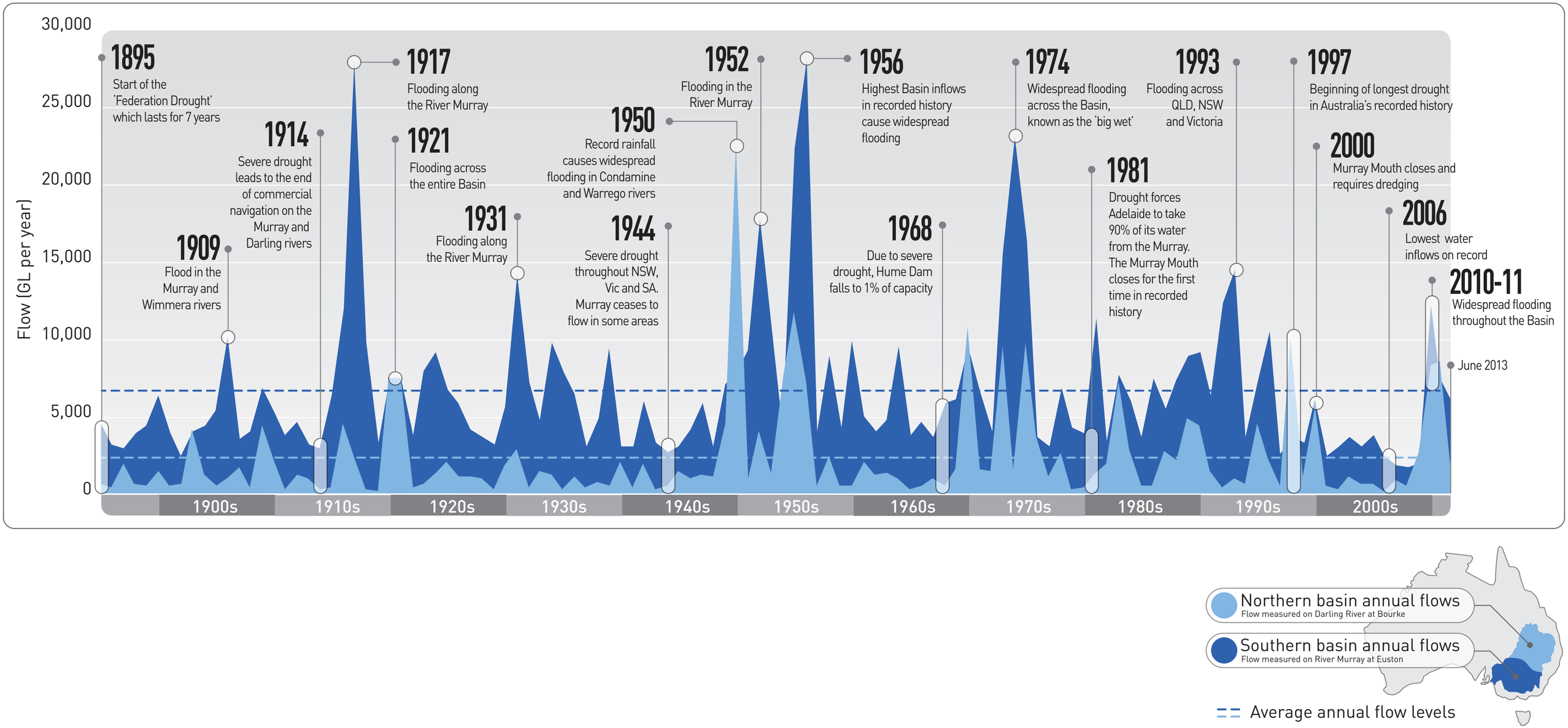
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Flow (GL per year)
1895
Start of the 'Federation Drought' which lasts for 7 years
1909
Flood in the Murray and Wimmera rivers
1914
Severe drought leads to the end of commercial navigation on the Murray and Darling rivers
1917
Flooding along the River Murray
1921
Flooding across the entire Basin
1931
Flooding along the River Murray
1944
Severe drought throughout NSW, Vic and SA. Murray ceases to flow in some areas
1950
Record rainfall causes widespread flooding in Condamine and Warrego rivers
1952
Flooding in the River Murray
1956
Highest Basin inflows in recorded history cause widespread flooding
1968
Due to severe drought, Hume Dam falls to 1% of capacity
1974
Widespread flooding across the Basin, known as the 'big wet'
1981
Drought forces Adelaide to take 90% of its water from the Murray. The Murray Mouth closes for the first time in recorded history
1993
Flooding across QLD, NSW and Victoria
1997
Beginning of longest drought in Australia's recorded history
2000
Murray Mouth closes and requires dredging
2006
Lowest water inflows on record
2010-11
Widespread flooding throughout the Basin
June 2013
1900s
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Northern basin annual flows
Flow measured on Darling River at Bourke
Southern basin annual flows
Flow measured on River Murray at Euston
Average annual flow levels