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Rising river alert - Snowy River below Jindabyne Dam

The NSW Office of Water today issued a 'rising river alert' for the Snowy River below the Jindabyne Dam to the NSW Victorian border.

The river will rise due to the first two of five planned spring high flow environmental releases from Jindabyne to the Snowy River.

These flows will provide a higher base flow in the river compared to other years, with all five spring flow events being contained within the river channel.

In the first event, flows will slowly increase from 5 September peaking on 6 September with peak flow rate equivalent of 5,000 megalitres (ML) per day for 8 hours and then reduce by 9 September.

The Snowy River will rise to 1.47m at Dalgety.

The second event will commence on 13 September with a peak flow on 14 September equivalent of 4,198 ML per day for 8 hours and then reduce on 15 September.

This is expected to see a rise in the Snowy River of 1.41m at Dalgety.

Both of these flushing flow events will be released via the cone valves at Jindabyne Dam.

It's important to note that these releases may change depending on localised rainfall and inflow events downstream of Jindabyne Dam on the Snowy River.

During these events, the rise in water level will depend on location, with higher water levels occurring in the gorges. Additionally, the rise in water level will vary depending on local conditions and inflows from tributaries.

Landholders downstream of Jindabyne Dam are advised to take all necessary precautions with stock, fencing and property.

The impact of these releases is expected to be greatest immediately below the dam wall, down to the junction with the Delegate River.

The NSW Office of Water will be monitoring these flow events, and will work with the NSW State Emergency Service and Bureau of Meteorology to provide information to the community regarding the management of these releases.

More information can be found at www.water.nsw.gov.au or by calling **1800 353 104**.

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