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Rising river alert for Snowy River below Jindabyne Dam

DPI Water today issued a '**rising river alert**' for the Snowy River between Jindabyne Dam and Dalgety in southern NSW for **Wednesday 17 August 2016**.

The river will rise due to the first high-flow event in a series of five planned environmental releases from Jindabyne Dam to the Snowy River during winter and spring 2016.

The highest flow rate will occur at Jindabyne Dam from 7am to 3pm on Wednesday 17 August 2016 and will be equivalent to 2,236 megalitres per day for the eight hour period.

For the remainder of **Wednesday 17 August 2016**, the flow rate will be equivalent to 1,700 megalitres per day. The flow rate will drop back to 632 megalitres per day on Thursday 18 August 2016.

The environmental changes from this release are expected to be greatest between the dam wall to the junction with the Delegate River. However, the pulse will be noticeable down to the estuary in Victoria.

It is expected to see the river water level at Dalgety rise from 0.93m to 1.26m, a rise of 0.33m. This is one of four secondary high-flow events for 2016, with water released from the cone valves at Jindabyne Dam.

It is important to note that water released at Jindabyne will take about six hours to reach Dalgety Weir at this flow rate. **Landholders downstream of the Jindabyne Dam are advised to take all necessary precautions with stock, fencing and property.**

This high-flow event for 2016 has been officially named 'Waawii', which means water spirit, in recognition of the *Wongalu* traditional people, who have an enduring and strong connection to the Snowy Mountains and the Snowy River.

All five high-flow events in the Snowy River during winter and spring 2016 have been named by the regional aboriginal communities - *Bidwell-Maap*, *Wongalu*, *Southern Monero-Yuin-Bolga*, *Maneroo-Ngarigo* and *Wiradjuri* - who recognise the link between these high flows and the health of the Snowy River.

DPI Water will work with the NSW State Emergency Service and Bureau of Meteorology to provide information to the community regarding the management of this release should weather conditions warrant.

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

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