Department of Primary Industries Water

Notice

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Rising river alert 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 5 October 2016.**

Given the predicted rainfall over coming days, DPI Water will closely monitor the situation and provide notification of any changes to this scheduled water release.

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

The highest flow rate will occur at Jindabyne Dam from 7am to 3pm on Wednesday 5 October 2016 and will be equivalent to 9,165 megalitres per day for the eight hour period.

For the remainder of **Wednesday 5 October 2016**, the flow rate will be equivalent to 4,463 megalitres per day. The flow rate will drop back to 2,523 megalitres per day on Thursday 6 October 2016.

It should be noted that releases from Jindabyne Dam begin to increase from midnight Tuesday 4 October in order to meet the required flow rate by 7.00am on Wednesday morning.

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 1.01m to 1.76m, a rise of 0.75m. This is the largest of the 2016 high-flow releases, with water released from both the cone valves and the spillway.

It is important to note that water released at Jindabyne will take less than 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 has been officially named 'Wai–Garl', which means River Black Fish, in recognition of the *Maneroo-Ngarigo* traditional people who have an enduring and strong connection to the Snowy River.

All high-flow events in the Snowy River during 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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