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Environmental flow release for Snowy

A 'rising river alert' was on Monday issued for the Snowy River between Jindabyne Dam and Dalgety for a planned high-flow event today.

Given the predicted rainfall over coming days, NSW DPI Water said it would 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 today and will be equivalent to 9165 megalitres per day for the

eight-hour period.

For the remainder of today, the flow rate will be equivalent to 4463 megalitres per day. The flow rate will drop back to 2523 megalitres per day tomorrow.

It should be noted that releases from Jindabyne Dam begin to increase from midnight Tuesday in order to meet the required flow rate by 7am 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 Marlo estuary.

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.

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.