

# Rising River Alert – Snowy River below Jindabyne Dam

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The NSW Department of Planning and Environment today issued a **'rising river alert'** for the Snowy River between Jindabyne Dam and Dalgety in southern NSW for **Friday 6 October 2023**.

The river will rise due to the sixth high-flow event in a series of eight planned environmental releases from Jindabyne Dam to the Snowy River during 2023.

**The highest flow rates for this event will occur at Jindabyne Dam on Friday 6 October with 2,743 megalitres being released over a 24-hour period.**

**It is expected to see the river level at Dalgety rises by approximately 0.2m. These levels do not include the effect of rainfall or wet conditions in the catchment, which may increase flow rates and water depths.**

The flow rate will drop to a target of about 1,591 megalitres per day on Saturday 7 October.

The environmental benefits from this release are expected to be greatest between the dam wall and the junction with the Delegate River. However, the flow pulse will be noticeable well down into Victoria.

Water released from Jindabyne Dam may take a number of hours to reach Dalgety Weir at this flow rate and around 3 to 4 days for the flow to arrive at Orbost in Victoria, subject to catchment conditions.

**Landholders downstream of the Jindabyne Dam are advised to take all necessary precautions with stock, fencing and property in proximity to the river. As the release flows through the system people should refrain from entering or crossing swollen waterways.**

Conditions will be closely monitored in the lead up to the release. If heavy rainfall appears likely the release may be cancelled or modified to avoid adverse effects on river levels and an announcement will be made accordingly.

The department will work with the NSW State Emergency Service and the 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 [Snowy River increased flows](https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/our-work/projects-and-programs/snowy-scheme/snowy-water-initiative/snowy-river-increased-flows) (<https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/our-work/projects-and-programs/snowy-scheme/snowy-water-initiative/snowy-river-increased-flows>).



Rising river alert for the Snowy River downstream of Jindabyne Dam.

## Other news

<https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/news/more-time-to-have-your-say-on-draft-water-sharing-plans>  
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### More time to have your say on draft water sharing plans

The NSW Government is extending the public exhibition period for 7 draft water sharing plans across regional NSW until early 2025, giving communities even more time to have their say.

