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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 4 October 2017**.

The river will rise due to the fourth and **largest high-flow event** in a series of five planned environmental releases from Jindabyne Dam to the Snowy River in 2017.

The highest flow rate will occur at Jindabyne Dam from 7am to 3pm on Wednesday 4 October 2017 and will be equivalent to 13,000 megalitres per day for the eight hour period.

For the remainder of **Wednesday 4 October 2017**, the flow rate will be equivalent to 5,650 megalitres per day. The flow rate will drop back to a target of 4,767 megalitres per day on Thursday 5 October 2017.

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 1.19m to 2.17m, a rise of 0.98m. This is the largest of the planned 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 about five to 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 in proximity to the river.**

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 five high-flow events in the Snowy River during 2017 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

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