

Essential maintenance of Murrumbidgee re-regulation weirs

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WaterNSW is informing customers and community that with low water demands throughout the system, essential maintenance activities of the control structures are in progress. Customers and river users should take necessary steps to adjust their pumping activities accordingly and monitor the river levels closely

Maude Weir: Draw down is currently in progress for essential maintenance activities for a period of 3-weeks. The actual dates of lifting of gates is likely to be by 4th September 2019. On the conclusion of maintenance work the weir would be reinstated to about 2.5m by end of September. In view of the drought conditions, to minimise system losses and provide enough airspace to capture any system surplus, the minimum operating level at Maude weir would remain at about 2.5m.

Nimmie – Caira regulators: The maintenance work at the offtake regulators at Nimmie Creek, South Caira channel and North Caira channel is expected to commence by first week of September and continue for 3-weeks i.e. until end of September. At this stage the offtake channel for the Nimmie-Caira system remain cut off from the main river due to very low levels in the river. The connectivity is subject to river levels upstream of Maude Weir.

Redbank Weir: The coating and essential maintenance of the gates are now complete, and the weir was reinstated on 22 August 2019. However, scaffolding is still in place on the downstream side of the weir for the coating of the super structure, which is expected to be complete in another six weeks. In view of the drought conditions, to minimise system losses and provide enough airspace to capture any system surplus, the weir would be maintained at a minimum operating level of about 2.0m.

With ongoing dry conditions and very low irrigation demands, WaterNSW is making minimal releases from Burrinjuck Dam as per environmental rules, while about 2,500ML/d is being released from Blowering Dam for irrigation and other essential requirements. Low river levels in some parts of the river may persist while dry conditions remain, and water demands remain extremely low.

WaterNSW customers, boat owners, landholders and other river users are advised to prepare for the drawdown of the weirs, monitor water levels closely and be aware of snags and other obstructions that may appear while water levels are low.

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