

## Operations update – Lake Cargelligo

Reported on: 07 January 2019

**Storage level:** 156.04 metres

**Storage volume:** 22,111 ML at 52.2 %

**Estimated current inflow:** 70 ML/d

**Estimated current outflow:** 10 ML/d

Planned operations for the next two weeks:

The Lake Cargelligo storage is currently at 52% and may fall to about 50% over the next week.

Releases from Wyangala Dam have been increased and the increases in flows are expected to reach Lake Cargelligo Weir around the 10 January 2019. Some of these increased flows will be directed into the Lake to raise the levels.

As in the past years when Lake Brewster is empty a contingency volume is maintained in Lake Cargelligo storage during the summer irrigation period to meet any sudden demand for water.

The current heat wave has necessitated drawing on the contingency volume to meet increases in water demand downstream. Consequently, releases from Wyangala Dam have been adjusted to restore and maintain the contingency volume until end of summer irrigation.

When the contingency volume is restored in Lake Cargelligo the storage level is likely to be around 70%. However, during summer the storage level at the lake is likely to move between 40 and 80% allowing some airspace to capture any surplus flows from tributaries and/or rain rejection arising from summer storms.

Currently, some flow is being circulated through the lake with the anticipation that this may improve water quality in the channels connecting the lakes and the river.

Further information on water delivery operations: <https://www.waternsw.com.au/supply/regional-nsw/availability>

*Please note that planned operations may change without notice due to change in weather conditions and to meet sudden change in irrigation, stock & domestic and environmental demands in the river downstream of the lakes.*

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### More information

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