

IMPORTANT ADVICE TO ALL TUMUT RIVER LANDHOLDERS

9 July 2020

Re: Releases from Blowering Dam to cease for 48-72 hours in July and August.

As a landholder who fronts the Tumut River, please be advised that there will be essential maintenance undertaken to the Blowering Dam release outlet structures during late July and early August 2020. For these works to be safely undertaken, the coaster gate in the hoist house need to be closed, releases stopped, and the pool drained to provide a dry and safe work area for the essential maintenance work to proceed and safety inspections undertaken.

This maintenance will result in releases from Blowering Dam into the Tumut River ceasing on the following dates:

- 1) Tuesday 21 July to Wednesday 22 July 2020, and
- 2) Tuesday 4 August to Thursday 6 August 2020.

The cessation of releases for these 48 – 72 hour periods will significantly impact river flows and river height in the Tumut River, particularly above the confluence of the Goobarragandra River.

We encourage all landholders on the Tumut river to

- prepare to make any alternative arrangement in terms of stock and domestic water availability.
- Manage stock along the river where the river may not pose a barrier to stock movements during these periods.

WaterNSW has also advised Snowy Valleys Council in order to manage town water supply and other key stakeholders such as Snowy Hydro and Snowy Mountains Trout Farm. Little impact is expected on water users or irrigators downstream of the junction of the Tumut and Murrumbidgee Rivers, as river flows will be supplemented through tributary inflows and WaterNSW will meet any additional water delivery demands from Burrinjuck Dam.

Releases will resume at normal rates immediately following these essential works.

If you would like more information, please contact our call centre on 1300 662 077.

Regards

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