

Koondrook- Perricoota inlet regulator intervention works update

February 2026

WaterNSW and the Murray–Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) are working to repair the structural integrity of the Koondrook-Perricoota inlet regulator.

Latest news

Work is progressing on the construction of a temporary coffer dam upstream of the Koondrook-Perricoota inlet regulator. Despite some recent wet weather, current project timelines remain on track, with construction of the coffer dam scheduled for completion by mid-late March 2026, weather permitting.

Dewatering (draining) of the structure will follow installation of the coffer dam which will allow for additional investigations. The dewatering process is expected to take up to one month, weather permitting, whereby water between the coffer dam and inlet regulator will be drained in stages.

The local community and nearby properties may expect an increase of vehicles on surrounding local roads while the work is carried out.

While the inlet regulator is offline, environmental water flows to the Koondrook-Perricoota Forest via the inlet channel will be temporarily unavailable. The schedule continues to be reviewed and where possible, timelines will be brought forward.



Coffer dam installation progress

Regional contractor, Boots Civil, progressing on coffer dam installation. Installation almost reached the midway point of the channel (as of mid-February 2026).

Next update

The next project update will be issued in late March 2026. If you have any questions or would like further information in the meantime, please email WaterNSW at engagement@waternsw.com.au or visit waternsw.com.au or mdba.gov.au.

Frequently Asked Questions

When will the work be carried out?

Work commenced in mid-January 2026 and is taking place between 7:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday to Friday and 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Saturday. There will be no work on Sundays, public holidays, or nightworks.

Will the work have environmental impacts?

WaterNSW is committed to carefully managing environmental impacts of the work. All potential impacts of the work will be considered as part of the environmental assessment and ways to reduce or mitigate impacts to the environment or cultural heritage sites will be implemented where relevant. The project is required to consider all relevant legislative Acts, including Environmental, Planning and Heritage, before work is approved.

Are there impacts to the delivery of environmental water?

While the inlet regulator is offline, environmental water flows to the Koondrook-Perricoota Forest via the inlet channel will be temporarily unavailable.

This is necessary to allow the structure to be repaired safely.

Contact

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How can the community stay informed?

WaterNSW will continue to work closely with key stakeholders including the local community, nearby properties, water customers, First Nations communities and other government agencies as the project progresses.

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Project timeline (as at February 2026)

