

# Koondrook- Perricoota inlet regulator intervention works update

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## Latest news

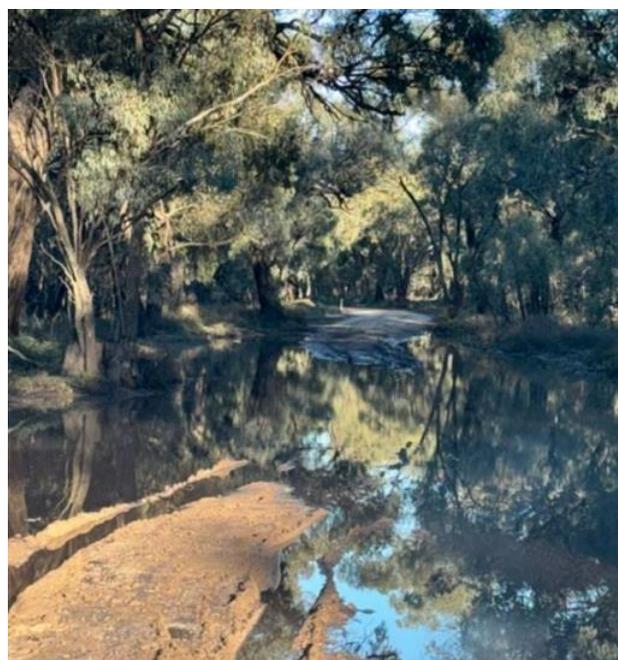
A milestone in the Koondrook-Perricoota inlet regulator intervention works was reached this week with piling complete for the temporary coffer dam upstream of the regulator. The coffer dam is 55 meters long and 4 meters wide, spanning the entire width of the channel. Next steps include installing reinforcement bars on the coffer dam, and removal of backfill behind the regulator walls. This will facilitate dewatering (draining).

Dewatering of the structure will commence late April to create a safe, dry environment which will provide access for the long-term remediation. The dewatering process involves draining water between the coffer dam and inlet regulator in stages. Dewatering will be carried out according to approved environmental permits and with an aquatic ecologist on-site.

The usability of access tracks has been impacted by recent inclement weather, resulting in a delay to work on-site. Where possible, timelines will be brought forward. WaterNSW is working with local stakeholders to ensure the longevity of access tracks in the area.



**Completed temporary coffer dam**



**19 Mile Road access track after recent inclement weather**

# 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.

### Next update

The next project update will be issued in late-April 2026. If you have any questions or would like further information in the meantime, please email WaterNSW at [engagement@waternsw.com.au](mailto:engagement@waternsw.com.au) or visit [waternsw.com.au](http://waternsw.com.au) or [mdba.gov.au](http://mdba.gov.au).

## 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 March 2026)

