

Operations update



Update on Releases from Menindee lakes

26 March 2020

WaterNSW is advising customers that releases from Lake Wetherell Outlet have been increased today.

Release will target 500 ML/day today, with releases increased further tomorrow – Friday 1,000 ML/day; Saturday 2,000 ML/day and Sunday 3,000 ML/day.

Release shall continue at 3,000 ML/day for 7 days, before reducing flows by 250 ML/day down to the base flow of 300 ML/day.

Water quality monitoring will continue through the release process so that risks to remaining native fish can be reviewed.

Customers and landholders are advised to monitor river levels closely and to make necessary arrangements to ensure infrastructure and livestock are not impacted by the changing river levels.

Inflow forecasts have increased to 290 – 355 GL, with approximately 190 GL of inflow having already arrived at Menindee Lakes Storage. Water is now being diverted to Lake Pamamaroo, with a forecast for 100 GL to be diverted to this section of the storage system based on the current inflow forecast.

Removal of the Lower Darling block banks is progressing. Removal of the bank at Karoola and Court Nareen is now complete, and equipment is now being moved to Jamesville. Removal of the Copi Hollow is continuing.

WaterNSW is working with MDBA to manage a drawdown of up to 300 mm below full supply level of Wentworth Weir, to assist in moving poor quality water through the weir pool as quickly as possible. MDBA has commenced consultation with key stakeholders and more information will be provided as the plan for drawdown is developed.

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