

Koondrook- Perricoota inlet regulator intervention works update

June 2026

Latest news

Intervention works on the Koondrook-Perricoota inlet regulator have slowed over the past week due to higher-than-expected seepage through the temporary coffer dam during the dewatering of the structure, which started last month.

The contractor, WaterNSW and MDBA have worked closely together on a possible solution. Early signs are positive, and the contractor will now attempt to dewater the structure again while monitoring seepage rates effectiveness.

At this stage, the delays are not impacting the timeline of the overall remediation works.

Dewatering will create a safe, dry environment which will provide access for the long-term remediation of the structure. It involves draining water between the temporary coffer dam and the regulator in stages. Dewatering will be carried out according to approved environmental permits, and with an aquatic ecologist on-site, and is scheduled to take up to four weeks, weather permitting.



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 us

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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 June 2026)

