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## **Community Service Announcement**

### **Khancoban Pondage**

Like all water storages across south-east Australia, the water storage levels of the Snowy Scheme are also suffering from the major drought sequence that has been occurring since 1996.

Snowy Scheme water storage levels are at their lowest December level since the Snowy Scheme was completed in 1973 and are currently around 17% of active capacity.

In addition, water inflows have continued to be only around 25% of long-term average. In fact, water inflows for this year are only around 80% of that of the worst year recorded in the last 100 years.

As a result of the continuing major drought sequence, water levels at Khancoban Pondage are expected to remain low over the coming Christmas/New Year holiday period and may drop further if the current drought conditions continue over Summer.

Residents and lake users are advised to take care when using the pondage over this period.

Up to date information on Snowy Scheme water levels can be found on the Snowy Hydro web page at [www.snowyhydro.com.au](http://www.snowyhydro.com.au)