

Snowy Hydro Limited

Snowy Scheme Water Storages Update

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Q) What is the latest update on Snowy Scheme water storages?

A) Water inflows into Snowy Scheme storages have continued to be slightly below average over the months of March, April and May. These below average inflows coupled with average to medium electricity market demands, typical of this time of year, has meant a continuing decline in Snowy Scheme storage levels.

Overall, our water position for the year still remains well below average and storages are still around their lowest levels since construction as a result of the major drought that continues to impact the region.

Under this continuing pattern of below average inflows, it is expected that water levels in Snowy Scheme storages, including Lake Jindabyne and Lake Eucumbene, will continue to drop over June, most likely to a level slightly higher than that of the same time last year. Water levels are expected to stabilise in July with the usual seasonal improvements in inflows starting to occur in winter and spring.

Snowy Hydro will continue to balance the needs of all water stakeholders against natural inflow patterns to ensure water in the Snowy Scheme is used in a balanced and prudent way for all.

Q) How can we get information on lake levels and water releases from Snowy Scheme dams?

A) Snowy Hydro has a website based water resources information service so that the public can access information on water resources data relating to the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

This service can be accessed via the homepage on the Snowy Hydro website at www.snowyhydro.com.au. It provides information on lake levels, snow depths and releases into local rivers including the volume of environmental releases into the Snowy River from Jindabyne Dam.