

Snowy Hydro Limited

Snowy Scheme Water Storages Update

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

A) The month of September has seen Snowy Scheme storages receive above average inflows due to good rain and increased snowmelt. However, while the month of September was above average all other months since May have been below average and overall Snowy Scheme storages are still at very low levels.

As a result of these recent rains and snowmelt, water levels in Snowy Scheme storages, including Lake Jindabyne and Lake Eucumbene, have risen slightly and it is expected that they will continue to gradually do so as the remainder of the snowmelt runs off over the next month or so.

Following the usual spring runoff and if the current below average water inflow scenario continues, then it is expected that water levels in Snowy Scheme storages will start to drop again over summer and into autumn as the normal seasonal cycle of electricity market and water demands increase.

However, even though we have experienced some good rainfalls and snowmelt over September our overall water position for the year still remains below average and storages are still at very low levels. It is expected that it will take several years of above average inflows and good snow seasons before our water storages return to levels seen before the start of the current drought cycle.

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.