

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 were above average for the month of December, however they did drop back to below average over the month of January, mainly due to the onset of some hot dry weather.

While overall, Snowy Scheme storages have increased since the end of winter mainly due to snow runoff and a few good rain occasions in late November and December, our water position for the year, since last May, still remains well below average.

The above average inflows over December and suitable electricity market conditions meant that over the Christmas break and the month of January we have been able to maintain Khancoban Pondage at a suitable level for recreational users while sustaining flows into the Swampy Plains River.

As we now move into the historical "dry inflow season" for the Scheme and increased electricity market demands, it is expected that water levels in Snowy Scheme storages, including Lake Jindabyne and Lake Eucumbene, will gradually decline over summer and into autumn.

Q) What is the Snowy Hydro Water Operations Report?

A) The Snowy Hydro Water Operations Report has been written for the benefit of all stakeholders and the community associated with the Snowy Scheme. It describes in high level summary form how the Snowy Scheme operates, the water operations during the 2007/08 water year and how Snowy Hydro met its obligations under the Snowy Water Licence during that year.

The Water Report will soon be available from our website at www.snowyhydro.com.au

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.