

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 start of 2009 has seen the severity of the ongoing drought increase with well below average monthly inflows into Snowy Scheme storages occurring in January, February and March.

This pattern of consistent below average inflows and the requirement for the Snowy Scheme to meet water licence obligations and electricity needs has seen Snowy Scheme storages gradually decline over the past 2 months and reach levels similar to those seen at the same time last year.

As we are now in the “dry inflow season” for the Scheme, it is expected that inflows will remain low and water levels in Snowy Scheme storages, including Lake Jindabyne and Lake Eucumbene, will continue to decline over autumn into the lead up to winter.

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 is now 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.