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Subject: Work due to start on coffer dam removal at Jindabyne Dam site

Work on the final stage of the Jindabyne Dam auxiliary spillway is due to commence early May with the removal of the temporary coffer dam.

Michael Thornton, Jindabyne Dam Site Project Manager, Snowy Hydro Limited said: "removal of the earth, clay and rock filled coffer dam is another stage in the \$90 million project to allow for increased environmental flows into the Snowy River particularly the section below Jindabyne Dam. All necessary approvals have now been attained."

The contractor undertaking the work will establish initial site services from the end of April with major works underway from around mid May. The entire project is forecast to take around 16 weeks.

Material from the coffer dam will be excavated and loaded onto trucks to be transported to approved sites. This includes the Jindabyne tip where the clay core of the coffer dam will be reused by Snowy River Council for landfill improvements. No traffic delays are expected in the peak times during the ski season.

To enable the work to be carried out, the Mowamba Aqueduct will be temporarily closed from time to time over the duration of the project but because this is temporary, lake levels will not be permanently lowered. All environmental flow targets into the Snowy River will continue to be met during the project.

Andrew Nolan, Manager Water, Snowy Hydro Limited said: "once project works are completed the Mowamba Aqueduct will again deliver uninterrupted water flows back into Lake Jindabyne. This is important because the Mowamba Aqueduct provides critical inflows into Lake Jindabyne without which, Lake Jindabyne would suffer lower average lake levels and be at minimum operating levels over a much longer period."

Further information regarding this project, including traffic management plans will be provided via the Snowy Hydro website at www.snowyhydro.com.au , local radio and news announcements as well as the Snowy Hydro Newsletter.