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 for April and May, while slightly improved from the previous 3 months, were still below average. Overall, our water position for the year remains well below average and storages continue to be at very low levels as a result of the major drought that continues to impact the region.

The current water levels in Lake Jindabyne will not have any affect on town water supplies or environmental releases into the Snowy River and are now expected to stabilise at around their current level.

It is expected that water levels in Lake Eucumbene will continue to drop over June, to levels similar to the same time last year, as Snowy Hydro meets its water licence and electricity obligations.

Water levels in Lake Eucumbene are expected to stabilise in July with the usual seasonal improvements in inflows starting to occur across all Snowy Scheme water storages in winter and spring.

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 <u>www.snowyhydro.com.au</u>. 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.