

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 months of August, September and October have seen Snowy Scheme storages receive around average inflows due to increased rain and snowmelt. However, while these months have received around average inflows, all other months since May have been below average and overall Snowy Scheme storages are still at low levels.

As a result of runoff from the last few months, storages, including Lake Jindabyne and Lake Eucumbene, have risen and it is expected that they will continue to gradually do so as the remainder of the snowmelt runs off over the next month.

Following this spring runoff 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.

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 water year and how Snowy Hydro met its obligations under the Snowy Water Licence during that year.

The 2007/08 Water Report is currently available and the 2008/09 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.