

Snowy Hydro Limited

Snowy Scheme Water Storages Update

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Q) What is the latest update on Snowy Scheme water storages?

A) Even though we have experienced some localised rainfalls over the past week overall the last few months has seen Snowy Scheme storages receive well below average inflows. This coupled with the normal seasonal cycle of electricity market and water licence commitments has seen water storage levels in Lake Jindabyne and Lake Eucumbene fall.

Overall, since May last year, accumulated inflows have been below average and even though lake levels are higher than the same time last year, Snowy Scheme storages are still at low levels.

As we now move into the historical “dry inflow season” for the Scheme and increased electricity and water 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 water year and how Snowy Hydro met its obligations under the Snowy Water Licence during that year.

The 2008/09 Water Report is 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.