

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 past few months has seen Snowy Scheme storages receive slightly above average inflows due to localised rain and snowmelt. However, while the last few months of inflows has been very welcomed, overall Snowy Scheme storages are still at low levels with Lake Eucumbene, the Scheme's main reservoir at around 25% capacity.

Good snowfalls in late August have created a modest snowpack in the mountains which will add to the spring runoff.

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 2009/10 Water Report is currently available from our website at www.snowyhydro.com.au

Q) How can we get information on lake levels, water releases and Snowy Hydro water operations?

A) Snowy Hydro has a website based water resources information service that 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.

In addition, the Snowy Hydro Water Operations Report which describes in high level summary form how the Snowy Scheme operates, the water operations during the year and how Snowy Hydro meets its obligations under the Snowy Water Licence, can also be viewed at our website at www.snowyhydro.com.au