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Date: 16 March 2012

Subject: NSW Office of Water agrees to pre release from Lake Jindabyne to reduce lake level.

Following the agreement announced today by the NSW Office of Water, Snowy Hydro will commence releasing 80 gegalitres of water from Lake Jindabyne from Tuesday 20th March 2012. This release will peak at 12,000 megalitres (ML) a day on Tuesday 26th March 2012 before reducing back to around 100ML a day in the first week of April.

Snowy Hydro advises that this release is expected to decrease Lake Jindabyne levels by approximately 2.5 vertical metres from the current 100% to approximately 89% by the second week of April. This estimate depends on inflows and further rainfall.

Snowy Hydro CEO Mr Terry Charlton said “this release will give some relief to those around Lake Jindabyne now impacted by very high lake levels. It will also provide some comfort to those downstream that there will be some, but limited, capacity in Lake Jindabyne to absorb another significant rainfall event”.

There is no public access or viewing area at the Jindabyne Dam site as this is a potentially dangerous area.

The local community and downstream residents will be advised of the details of the release program and forecast river heights via the NSW Office of Water website www.water.nsw.gov.au and local media.

Jindabyne lake levels will be updated daily on the Snowy Hydro Website www.snowyhydro.com.au.