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Rising river alert - Snowy River below Jindabyne Dam

DPI Water today issued a '**rising river alert**' for the Snowy River between Jindabyne Dam and Dalgety in southern NSW for **Tuesday 27 June 2017**.

The river will rise due to the second high-flow event in a series of five planned environmental releases from Jindabyne Dam to the Snowy River during winter and spring 2017.

The highest flow rate will occur at Jindabyne Dam from 7am to 3pm on Tuesday 27 June 2017 and will be equivalent to 3,324 megalitres per day for the eight hour period.

For the remainder of **Tuesday 27 June 2017**, the flow rate will be equivalent to 2,090 megalitres per day. The flow rate will drop back to a target of 1,190 megalitres per day on Wednesday 28 June 2017.

The environmental benefits from this release are expected to be greatest between the dam wall and the junction with the Delegate River. However, the flow pulse will be noticeable well down into Victoria.

It is expected to see the river water level at Dalgety rise from 1.12m to 1.35m, a rise of 0.23m. This is one of four secondary high-flow events for 2017 that will be released from the cone valves at Jindabyne Dam. The main October release will use the Jindabyne Dam spillway.

It is important to note that water released at Jindabyne will take about six hours to reach Dalgety Weir at this flow rate. **Landholders downstream of the Jindabyne Dam are advised to take all necessary precautions with stock, fencing and property in proximity to the river.**

This second high-flow event for 2017 has been officially named 'Waawii', which means Water Spirit, in recognition of the *Wongalu* traditional people, who have an enduring and strong connection to the Snowy Mountains and the Snowy River.

All five high-flow events in the Snowy River during 2017 have been named by the regional aboriginal communities - *Bidwell-Maap*, *Wongalu*, *Southern Monero-Yuin-Bolga*, *Maneroo-Ngarigo* and *Wiradjuri* - who recognise the link between these high flows and the health of the Snowy River.

DPI Water will work with the NSW State Emergency Service and Bureau of Meteorology to provide information to the community regarding the management of this release should weather conditions warrant.

More information can be found at - www.water.nsw.gov.au

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