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Rising river alert – Snowy River below Jindabyne Dam

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment today issued a **‘rising river alert’** for the Snowy River between Jindabyne Dam and Dalgety in southern NSW for **Monday 29 June 2020**.

The river will rise due to the first high-flow event in a series of four planned environmental releases from Jindabyne Dam to the Snowy River during winter and spring 2020.

The highest flow rate will occur at Jindabyne Dam from 8am to 4pm on Monday 29 June 2020 and will be equivalent to 3,500 megalitres per day for the eight hour period.

It is expected to see the river level at Dalgety rise from 0.90m to 1.37m, a rise of 0.47m.

For the remainder of **Monday 29 June**, the flow rate will be about 1,200 megalitres per day. The flow rate will drop back to a target of about 1,080 megalitres per day on Tuesday 30 June.

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.

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.**

The department will work with the NSW State Emergency Service and the 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.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/basins-catchments/snowy-river/initiative/increased-flows

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