



Customer notice

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Low River Levels Forecast from Gogeldrie Weir to Murray Confluence

WaterNSW is advising customers and community that river levels from Gogeldrie weir to the Murray confluence will be falling to low levels in the coming weeks. Customers should take the necessary steps to adjust their pumps activities accordingly and monitor the river level closely.

The irrigation demands in the Murrumbidgee River system have slowed down significantly. As such, releases from Burrinjuck Dam have been reduced to the minimum required flows for riverine health, while Blowering Dam is releasing about 2,800ML/day. With very little inflows from the tributaries, Murrumbidgee River flows at Wagga Wagga are currently about 3,300 ML/day.

A greater portion of the water demands below Gogeldrie Weir would be met from Tombullen and Hay weirs. The Maude and Redbank weirs, which are currently about 4.0m, would be managed to maintain a steady river flow to Balranald.

The weirs would be managed to capture any potential future tributary runoff or system surplus and also provide an efficient window for annual maintenance during late autumn or early winter without loss of precious water resources.

WaterNSW further advises customers and landholders to monitor river levels closely and to make necessary arrangements to ensure infrastructure and livestock are not impacted by the low river levels.