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## Rising river alert Snowy River below Jindabyne Dam

The NSW Office of Water today issued a 'rising river alert' for the length of Snowy River below Jindabyne Dam to coincide with the release of environmental flows into the Snowy River, commencing 13 September 2012

From Thursday, 13 September, flows from the Jindabyne Dam into the Snowy River will increase from the current 350 megalitres per day and will peak at up to 10,000 megalitres per day on Tuesday 18 September for three days and slowly decrease back to 350 megalitres per day by 30 September 2012.

The Snowy River downstream of Jindabyne Dam is expected to rise by 1.3 to 3.6 metres; however, this may vary depending on local conditions.

Landholders downstream of the dam are advised to take all necessary precautions with stock, fencing and property.

The impact of this release is expected to be greatest immediately downstream of the dam and in the Jindabyne Gorge, with the effects reducing as the flow moves further down the Snowy River towards Dalgety.

Recreational use of the Snowy River during this time should be avoided due to large flows and debris associated with the rising waters.

The safest places to view the environmental flows are;

1. Dalgety - near the showgrounds; or
2. The designated temporary viewing point located at the Jindabyne Dam.

This temporary site can be accessed from the Snowy Shire Council landfill road. More details can be obtained at - [www.snowyhydro.com.au](http://www.snowyhydro.com.au)

Further information on flow rates may be obtained from: *Snowy River increased Daily Target Chart sheet* available at - [www.water.nsw.gov.au/Water-management/Water-recovery/Snowy-Initiative](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/Water-management/Water-recovery/Snowy-Initiative) or email [information@water.nsw.gov.au](mailto:information@water.nsw.gov.au)

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