

Wyangala works will not impact dam road access

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Work set to begin this month to raise the chute wall at Wyangala Dam will not affect access to the road atop the dam wall, State Water's Manager Major Projects, Michael Jeffery confirmed today.

The \$1.5million chute-raising project is one of three phases of the \$25million Wyangala Dam safety upgrade, only the last of which – erecting a parapet wall in 2011 – will require the closure of the dam road to traffic.

Meanwhile a working party has been established to co-ordinate the identification of a suitable alternative route for local residents once public traffic access to the dam wall road is restricted.

The working party – comprised of Boorowa and Cowra councils, along with State Water – met for the first time last week, and will reconvene at the end of February to review an engineer's draft report into proposed alternative routes.

Reed Constructions has been awarded the contract to undertake the chute-raising work, which will be followed by work to raise the dam's radial gates from mid 2010.

The final phase of the upgrade will involve construction of a parapet wall in 2011, but no move to restrict dam wall traffic will occur before a suitable alternative route is established, Mr Jeffery said.

"It is important that the community is aware that work on the first two phases of the project will not require the dam road to close to public traffic and that we will make good on our commitment to establish a suitable alternative route before any such traffic restrictions are necessary," he said.

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