

GLENBAWN DAM NEARS FULL CAPACITY

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State Water advises that Glenbawn Dam is approximately 99% of its capacity and more rain is predicted in the Hunter over the coming week. Should the dam reach 100% of its capacity, State Water will begin to make some controlled water releases so that the level is gradually lowered.

As Glenbawn Dam has a large flood storage, these releases will result in downstream river levels that are less than would have naturally occurred. The controlled releases will be made so that river levels remain below minor flood levels in the Hunter River downstream of the dam.

State Water provides this advice so that riparian landholders are alerted that river levels may remain high should the releases need to be made.

Landholders should check to see if the river levels are higher than expected and ensure that their equipment and stock are not impacted by the river flows. In some cases access may also be restricted if causeways are flooded.

The timing and period of any releases will depend on the rainfall that occurs in the Hunter over the next two to three months.

For more information about storage levels and river heights go to the NSW Office of Water's *Waterinfo Website* at www.waterinfo.nsw.gov.au.

For further advice contact State Water on 1300 662 077.

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