

GLENNIES CREEK DAM APPROACHES FULL CAPACITY

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State Water advises that Glennies Creek Dam is approximately 95.5% of its capacity and more rain is predicted in the Hunter over the coming month. Should the dam approach 100% of its capacity, State Water may begin to make some controlled water releases through the dam's valves.

Glennies Creek Dam will automatically begin to spill via a constructed spillway should the dam exceed 100% of its capacity. Controlled releases prior to a spill occurring will mitigate downstream river levels.

The controlled releases will, however, always result in 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 Glennies Creek downstream of the dam.

State Water provides this advice so that riparian landholders are alerted that river levels may rise 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, please contact State Water on 1300 662 077. State Water will continue to advise landholders on its databases of any updates.

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