

Operations update



3 May 2023 – Stevens Weir Winter Drawdown

WaterNSW today announced that a full drawdown of the Stevens Weir will be completed this winter. The drawdown will commence on 15 May 2023.

WaterNSW is advising customers and river users that the Stevens Weir pool level will gradually be lowered following completion of irrigation supply requirements to Murray Irrigation's Wakool Main Canal for the 2022-23 season. The cycle of drawdown, maintenance and refill is expected to take approximately ten weeks.

The Weir drawdown is in accordance with regulatory requirements and will provide suitable conditions for important maintenance at Wakool River Offtake regulator, Yallakool offtake Creek regulator, Colligen Creek Weir and Stevens Weir.

Subject to weather conditions and system requirements, the Edward River gauge height at Deniliquin could fall from its present level of 1.77 metres to around 0.7 metres if conditions turn dry.

WaterNSW customers, boat owners, landholders and other river users are advised to prepare for the draw down, monitor water levels closely and be aware of snags and other obstructions that may appear while water levels are low.

WaterNSW customers in the Edward – Wakool system should make preparations for low river levels, particularly the Wakool River, Yallakool Creek and Colligen Creek where diversions will cease as a result of the weir pool draw down.

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