

Gwydir Valley

Rescheduling of maintenance at Tareelaro Regulator

23 August 2022

The repainting of the gates at Tareelaro Regulator has been rescheduled.

Due to rainfall events throughout July and August 2022, the coating work at Tareelaro Regulator is now re-scheduled to be completed in April 2023. Work will re-start 3 April 2023 and continue for a period of up to 12 weeks (weather permitting).

The Tareelaro weir pool will be gradually reduced to below the Mehi offtake level.

Water will be unable to be diverted to the Mehi River for the duration of the works, with any inflows being passed directly downstream to the Gwydir River. Some of these flows will then be able to be diverted from the Gwydir River to the Carole Creek.

Further updates will be provided to customers in early 2023 to advise of any changes and impacts from the above proposal.

Replacement of the gate seals and in addition regular winter maintenance is required to be carried out prior to commencement of the 2022/2023 season. This work will be scheduled when downstream flows permit works to be undertaken and is expected to take approximately 1.5 weeks.

With the exception of the winter maintenance period, water will be delivered to the Mehi Moomin systems on demand.

Further information

The gates are submerged in water for long periods of time so restoring the protective paint coating is critical for ensuring the longer-term functionality of the asset.

Work was originally scheduled to coincide with the winter period when demand for water diversion to the Mehi/Moomin is generally less, however due to downstream flows and Copeton spill, works have been unable to be completed. Work that was able to be completed prior to demobilization at site due to increased flows is expected to limit significant degradation of the gates for up to 6 months.

Repainting the gates is essential and part of a larger program being undertaken with the assistance of specialist contractors so it is not possible to further reschedule the works until winter 2023.

Two gates will be worked on at a time and the work involves the installation of scaffolding, encapsulation, surface preparation, and application of the new protective coating.

More information

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