

Seqwater un-gated dams

Dam release notification service



Seqwater has 23 un-gated dams in the South East Queensland region. These dams are designed with a spillway over which flood waters flow once the dam is full.

If you subscribe to notifications for an un-gated dam, you will receive notifications through your preferred channel (email, SMS, recorded message to landline or the Seqwater mobile app) when the un-gated dam is spilling, when the potential downstream hazard level is reached, and when the dam stops spilling.

We do not provide information on the expected timing of releases from un-gated dams, but we will notify you when spilling starts and if the outflows from the dam have increased to a level that may cause a potential downstream hazard.

Our notifications are:

- Notification #1 – Seqwater advises <name> Dam has started spilling excess water due to heavy rain. If you are downstream of the dam, please avoid potential hazards such as fast flowing or deep water near waterways and floodplains. These hazards potentially threaten the safety of you and your property.
- Notification #2 – Seqwater advises outflows from <name> Dam have increased due to continuing rain in the catchment area. Avoid potential hazards downstream of the dam such as fast flowing or deep water near waterways and floodplains. These hazards potentially threaten the safety of you and your property
- Notification #1 & #2 combined – Seqwater advises <name> Dam is now spilling excess water and outflows have increased due to continuing rainfall in the catchment area.

Avoid potential hazards downstream of the dam such as fast flowing or deep water near waterways and floodplains. These hazards potentially threaten the safety of you and your property.

[If the Bureau of Meteorology has issued a Flood Warning for a river basin downstream of one of our un-gated dams we will include the following sentence in this combined notification:

The Bureau of Meteorology is now issuing Flood Warnings and River Height Bulletins for the <name> Catchment covering areas from <name> Dam to <location> (see <http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/warnings/>).

- Notification #3 – Seqwater advises <name> Dam is no longer spilling excess water.

If you are downstream of the dam, please continue to be aware of hazards such as mud, debris and damaged roads and avoid potential hazards such as fast flowing or deep water near waterways and floodplains. These hazards potentially threaten the safety of you and your property.



When a downstream hazard notification is issued, contact your local council for information about localised flood impacts, road and crossing closures.

Note: Maroon Dam notifications are different to other un-gated dam notifications. Refer to the Maroon Dam notifications fact sheet on the Seqwater website.

These notifications should be read in conjunction with the Terms and Conditions for subscribing to Seqwater's dam release notification service.

Use of the notification information

A spillway flow from an un-gated dam is only one source of water contributing to flows in rivers or watercourses downstream of the dam.

In considering the information provided by the notification service, subscribers should be aware of other sources of potential flooding, including flows from catchments downstream of the dam, overland flows from adjoining or nearby land, localised flash flooding downstream of the dam, and stormwater system releases. Our dam release notification service only provides information about the dams you select and does not provide information about any other potential sources of flooding.

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The notification service does not provide information on river levels at gauges, or predictions about areas that may be inundated by flood waters in a flood event. Other sources of information include:

- details of road closures, inundation flood mapping and information about any evacuation arrangements - your local council and Local Disaster Management Group
- weather forecasts and information on changes in river levels at particular gauge locations - the Bureau of Meteorology
- emergency services warnings – Queensland Police Service and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services.