

Somerset Dam Improvement Project

Downstream in-river geotechnical investigations

The Somerset Dam Improvement Project will enhance the dam's resilience to extreme weather, support long-term water security for South East Queensland, and meet essential regulatory standards—ensuring a safer, more reliable water supply for generations to come.

To support the ongoing planning and design activities, in-river geotechnical investigations will occur downstream of Somerset Dam.

This work will be undertaken from a purpose-built barge platform. The barge and drilling equipment will be launched in the northern section of Lake Wivenhoe and pushed upstream by a workboat to the Somerset Dam wall.

The barge and drilling equipment will be securely moored locally when not in use.

We plan to launch the barge in the coming days and expect it to be in operation for several months.

This activity will be undertaken as day works, with drilling typically occurring between 6:30am – 5:30pm, Monday to Sunday. Subject to weather and site conditions, the site team will aim to limit work over the weekend.

All works are also coordinated with Seqwater's dam operations team, to ensure smooth operations between the project team and any operational releases required from Somerset Dam.

What to expect during these works

- In-water movements of workboats and a barge carrying drilling equipment between the Sinnamon Point boat ramp and Somerset Dam wall to undertake investigation works.
- Geotechnical investigations including borehole drilling downstream of the Somerset Dam wall.

Please see included map outlining barge route upriver.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the project team on (07) 3432 7000, or email projectinfo@seqwater.com.au.

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