



## Project update

### Geotechnical investigations

Geotechnical investigations continue onsite to support the early and enabling works and main dam upgrade. To date, 24% of boreholes have been completed.

In-river geotechnical investigations also commenced recently via a barge mounted drill rig. The barge was launched in late July and will complete geotechnical activities in-river.

The geotechnical investigations will continue throughout the remainder of 2025, into 2026.



### Construction laydown area

To support ongoing site works, we have started developing the first stage of two main construction laydown areas. This laydown area is located off Esk-Kilcoy Road, south of Somerset Dam Village.

This facility is being developed as a compound to store materials and equipment for contractors as part of geotechnical investigations, as these activities continue to ramp up.

The area will also support other contractors as the project progresses.

The second laydown area proposed is located off Wivenhoe Somerset Road and is currently being considered as part of ongoing approvals.



## 2025 lookahead

Other key activities continuing for the remainder of 2025 include:

- Design and installation of the interim drainage curtain beneath the dam wall
- Civil works design, including the realignment of Esk Kilcoy Road, temporary access roads and temporary downstream cofferdam
- Engineering to support the Detailed Business Case
- Engineering and associated studies to support waterway barrier works approvals
- Procure hydromechanical works contractor

## Community Reference Group

The third CRG meeting was held in late June and covered a detailed civil engineering update as well as a workshop discussion to reintroduce legacy project opportunities.

The group revisited the shortlisted legacy project ideas that were compiled by the former CRG, and reviewed any changes that have occurred since the list was originally developed. Members also discussed what they considered to be the most important values that should guide a future selection process.

Seqwater will continue the conversation with the CRG about legacy project opportunities at the next CRG meeting in October, as these opportunities are an important component of the Detailed Business Case for the overall project.



## Contact Us

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## Ministerial Infrastructure Designation

In late July 2025, we formally submitted our application for a Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning. We will provide more details about the designation in the months ahead, including how you can have your say on the proposal during the consultation period.

More information about the MID is available online at <https://www.seqwater.com.au/news/ministerial-infrastructure-designation-have-your-say>.

## Seqwater around the region

Seqwater has been busy engaging with the broader Somerset community with the recent delivery of the Brisbane Open House tours of Wivenhoe Dam. The Brisbane Open House is an annual event where residents and visitors are invited to tour spaces around Brisbane that would usually be closed to the public.

This year, Wivenhoe Dam was open for public viewing, with over 200 people congregating at Cormorant Bay recreation area before attending tours of the dam wall and its internal operational zones over two days.

Wivenhoe Dam is downstream of Somerset Dam and together, these two storages contain approximately 70% of the available water supply for South East Queensland.

