

Somerset Dam operational releases



Dam release notification service

Seqwater makes water releases from Somerset Dam into Wivenhoe Dam to balance the two storages. These releases are part of our routine operation of the dams.

Seqwater will notify Somerset Dam subscribers when operational releases are planned.

The notification will advise whether, as a result of the water releases, the Wivenhoe Dam lake level is, or is not, expected to rise by more than 0.5 metres within 24 hours.

Somerset Dam subscribers will receive one of the following notifications:

- **Notification A** – Controlled releases from Somerset Dam into Wivenhoe Dam are planned [for the next 24 hours / in the coming week]. These releases are not expected to cause the Wivenhoe Dam lake level to increase by more than 0.5 metres in the next 24 hours.
- **Notification B** – Predicted inflows into Wivenhoe Dam from both Somerset Dam and the upper Brisbane River may cause the Wivenhoe Dam lake level to increase by more than 0.5 metres in the next 24 hours.

The likely rise in lake level will be determined from available information, relevant to the conditions at the time, and is an indicative guide only.

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

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.

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 - Police and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services.