Policy

PRE-RELEASE FROM DAMS

1. Objective

Recommendation 25 from the Victorian Floods Review requires dam owners and operators to have a clear policy on pre-releasing water from storages included in storage operating manuals. Defining a pre-release policy is also a requirement of the Statement of Obligations. The objective of this document is to define Goulburn-Murray Water’s pre-release policy.

2. Scope

This policy applies to operations at Lake Eildon, Cairn Curran, Lake Buffalo, Lake Eppalock, Lake Nillahcootie, Tullaroop Reservoir and Laanecoorie Reservoir.

3. Authority

The Board of Directors is responsible for the approval of this Policy.

The Managing Director is responsible for the endorsement of this Policy.

4. Definitions

G-MW
G-MW means Goulburn-Murray Water
Pre-release means the release of water to actively manage the level of water in a dam prior to forecast rainfall

5. Policy

Pre-releases from each dam will be considered when the dam being assessed is at risk of filling based on forecast inflows. The volume pre-released will be determined after considering the following factors:

- Ensure that the reliability of supply can be protected, meaning any water released should be recovered with a high degree of certainty
- No flooding is caused that wouldn’t have occurred naturally
- Downstream flooding does not occur earlier and impact on those downstream that compromises their ability to prepare
- There is the potential to reduce the downstream flood peak

6. Responsibilities

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