

## 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

Who	Responsibility
Manager River Operations	▪ Implementation of the policy

### 7. Associated Documents

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### 8. Document Control

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