

Operations Update

Change to Menindee Lakes System Releases

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WaterNSW is advising customers and the wider community of changes to releases from the Menindee Lakes and downstream of Weir 32. Changes are in response to increased demand by the Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) for shared resource. The current flow target of 3,000 ML/d at Weir 32 will increase from 3rd May to a new target of 3,800 ML/d. To achieve the target flow, releases will be increased from Wetherell Outlet.

Both Lake Pamamaroo and Lake Menindee Inlet Regulators (PIR and MIR respectively) remain open, shifting water within and between the Menindee Lakes system, create airspace in the upper lakes, allowing greater flexibility to manage the forecast inflows. Expect to see ongoing operational changes at PIR and MIR as the inflows continue to arrive at Menindee Lakes.

The Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) is currently calling on water from Menindee Lakes as part of management of the shared resource across the Basin. For further information regarding the increase at Weir 32, please view MDBA's <u>weekly report</u>. Release strategies for Menindee Lakes are currently being coordinated by MDBA and WaterNSW, including other key stakeholders as required.

WaterNSW advises users in the weir pool and downstream of Weir 32 that flows may increase over the coming days and should be considerate of the variable change. Customers and landholders are advised to monitor warnings and river levels closely to make necessary arrangements to ensure infrastructure and livestock are not impacted.

WaterNSW provide the latest operational information and announcements, which are made available on WaterNSW Water Insights portals. You are able to sign up to this service which allows you to set up and receive alerts when the latest updates are released.

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