

KJS-08

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Subject: Teleconference re Wivenhoe Dam
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Teleconference for update on current Wivenhoe flood release strategy - will send out a technical report prior to meeting.

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Invited participants are

WGM
SEQWater
BCC
Ipswich Council
Somerset Council
BoM

Key points are:

- * There is continuing heavy rainfall in catchments. Total inflows over the event will be at least 1,500,000 ML and probably above 2,100,000 ML.
- * As a result, Wivenhoe Dam is above 140% of capacity and Somerset is above 150%, with both rising fast.
- * As specified in the approved Operational Procedures, the primary objective is now to minimizing the risk of urban inundation (release strategy W2). This involves larger releases now, minimizing the risk of even larger releases later (were the flood compartment to reach high levels).
- * Consistent with this release strategy, dam releases have increased to 2,000 cubic metres per second (172,000 ML/day). It is expected to increase to 2,600 cubic metres per second by midday tomorrow.
- * As specified in the approved Operational Manual, we are targeting maximum flow in the Brisbane River of 3,500 cumecs at Moggill. This is the levels above which urban inundation begins.
- * For comparison, flows would be up to 12,000 cumecs without the dams.

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