

Seqwater un-gated dams



Dam release notification service

Seqwater has 23 un-gated dams in the South East Queensland region. These dams are designed with a spillway over which flood waters flow once the dam is full.

If you subscribe to notifications for an un-gated dam, you will receive notifications through your preferred channel (email, SMS or recorded message to landline) when the un-gated dam is spilling, when the potential downstream hazard level is reached, and when the dam stops spilling.

We do not provide information on the expected timing of releases from un-gated dams, but we will notify you when spilling starts and if the outflows from the dam have increased to a level that may cause a potential downstream hazard.

Our notifications are:

- **Notification #1** – Seqwater advises due to rainfall in the catchment, <insert dam name> has started spilling.
- **Notification #2** – Seqwater advises due to continuing rainfall in the catchment, outflows from <insert dam name> have increased. Take extra care downstream of the dam due to potential hazards to the safety of people and property.

Hazards could include fast flowing or deep water near waterways and floodplains.

- **Notification #1 & #2 combined** – Seqwater advises due to continuing rainfall in the catchment, <insert dam name> is now spilling and outflows have reached a level where they may be a potential hazard to the safety of people and property downstream of the dam.

Take extra care downstream of the dam as hazards could include fast flowing or deep water near waterways and floodplains.

- **Notification #4** – Seqwater advises <insert dam name> is no longer spilling.

When a downstream hazard notification is issued, contact your local council for information about localised flood impacts, road and crossing closures.

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

A spillway flow from an un-gated dam is only one source of water contributing to flows in rivers or watercourses downstream of the dam.

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.