

Dams Flood Mitigation Policy Statement



It is the policy of Coliban Water to maximise the flood mitigation potential downstream of the Malmsbury, Lauriston and Upper Coliban reservoirs without compromising dam safety and water supply security for central Victoria.

Coliban Water is committed to:

- Maintaining the safety of the dams;
- Maximising the collection and storage of water for our customer base;
- Maintaining current Operation and Maintenance manuals outlining flood procedures and specifying extreme event triggers to initiate emergency management;
- Maintaining flood routing records for operating the gated spillways at Lauriston Reservoir which have the potential to modify floods releases;
- Maintaining a network of stream and rainfall gauging stations to assist providing early flood warning and records of events;
- Maintaining reservoir staff specifically trained in operating the Coliban storages, emergency and flood routing procedures;
- Undertaking pre-releases from storages when it is considered that water supply security will not be compromised and natural flood peaks will not be exacerbated; and
- Working with emergency agencies such as the SES to maximise the availability of flood information for early warning of downstream communities.

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