



Construction and Community Advisory Group Update 16/9/2011

Construction has continued to progress with the recent dry weather providing suitable conditions for works. Flows into the forest have ceased with downstream flows exiting the forest receding.

Works Recently Undertaken

- The recent dry weather has allowed the levee earthworks to continue at an increased rate. This consists of topsoil stripping, excavation, foundation preparation and filling. Foundation work has commenced in the sandier sections of the levee.
- Flood protection works in the form of temporary earthen levee's have been established for most of the levee construction area.
- Concrete works has continued at the Return Channel and Calf Creek sites.
- De-watering of the Barber Overflow and Thule Creek sites commenced in anticipation of a recommencement of work. Barber and Cow Creek sites remain inundated with flood water with levels receding.
- The Inlet Channel excavation extends beyond 1km from its offtake with the Murray River crossing River Road, with total excavations approximately 50% complete.
- The pouring of the blinding concrete for the foundation of the fishway at the inlet channel structure has been completed.

Upcoming Construction Works and Activities

- Murray River flows below Torrumbarry Weir are expected to reduce over the next week.
- Water levels in the downstream creeks will continue to recede.
- Accelerated levee earthworks will continue to take advantage of favourable conditions.
- Concrete works on the piers at the Return Channel regulator structure will continue.
- The construction of the wing walls as part of the Calf Creek regulator structure will continue.
- The excavation of the inlet channel will continue through September. Structural works for the regulator structure and fishway at the inlet channel will continue.
- Construction of forest Access Roads 1 and 2 off the Barham-Moulamein Road is in progress and will continue.

Please be reminded that due to safety regulations all levee, regulator and channel construction areas are closed to the public. This includes access via boats to any creeks with-in the forest that are part of the construction area during times of inundation.

Access to the construction site is not permitted without first contacting Fulton Hogan on 1800 337 285. Access to the forest is available on East Barham Road on the first weekend of each month only. Access to other areas of the forest is available at all times via Belbins Rd/Lower Thule Rd, and via McHugh Rd/Yarraman Ln. Forest access maps are on large signs next to the closed access points (e.g. East Barham Road), on the website www.kpforest.com.au, and copies are available from the Fulton Hogan office in Thule Street, Barham.

The next scheduled weekend for public access to the forest is the 1st-3rd October 2011, which includes the New South Wales Labour Day public holiday.

Community Operation and Planning Advisory Group (COPAC) meetings.

COPAC meets monthly to discuss operating issues and risks and to provide local knowledge and expertise. Next meeting is scheduled for 27th September.

The COPAC members are:

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The project information office located in Mellool Street Barham NSW will be open on most Wednesday during business hours.

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Concrete work as part of the Calf Creek regulator downstream apron. Photo courtesy of Professional Engineering Services.