

DAMS MANAGEMENT

Effective date: 30 June 2017

Responsible officer(s): General Manager Infrastructure Planning and Operations

Next review due: June 2019

Purpose

To outline how Central Highlands Water (CHW) manages dams under its control.

CHW's dams are designed and operated specifically for the following purposes:

1. To store water for water supply purposes; and
2. To store recycled water or wastewater.

Policy statement

CHW is committed to an effective and efficient dam management program for dams under its control.

To achieve this CHW will:

- Carry out dam safety risk assessments which identify and quantify the risks associated with each dam in accordance with the Guidelines of the Australian National Committee on Large Dams (ANCOLD);
- meet the requirements of the *Water Act 1989* and the Statement of Obligations;
- develop and implement a dam safety works program with priority given to high risk dams;
- operate and maintain dams in a safe and proper manner;
- implement an appropriate dam surveillance program in accordance with ANCOLD Guidelines;
- develop and maintain Dam Safety Emergency Plans to manage major incidents in a controlled and systematic way; and
- provide appropriate education and training for relevant dam managers and operators.

It should be noted that CHW's dams are not designed or operated to mitigate or control flooding downstream of the dams.

Responsible for implementation

- Water Resources

Related policies

- Asset Management
- Drinking Water Quality
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Environmental Management
- Governance
- Public Access to Headworks
- Risk Management

Related and referenced documents

- CHW Dam Safety Emergency Plans
- Guidelines of the Australian National Committee on Large Dams (ANCOLD)
- Statement of Obligations
- *Water Act 1989*

(END POLICY)