

FLOOD WATCH # 2

Initial Flood Watch for South West Catchments

Lachlan, Murrumbidgee, Tumut and Upper Murray Rivers

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What is happening:

FLOODING POSSIBLE IN THE NEW SOUTH WALES SOUTH WEST CATCHMENTS FROM FRIDAY

FLOOD WARNINGS CURRENT FOR SEVERAL NEW SOUTH WALES INLAND CATCHMENTS

A cold front is expected to bring showers and rain to South West New South Wales from Thursday evening into Friday. This rainfall may cause minor and possibly moderate flooding along rivers in the South West catchments from Friday, many of which are experiencing ongoing flooding due to previous rainfall in recent weeks.

Catchments are currently wet or saturated from rainfall in recent weeks.

The weather system may cause renewed flooding for the following catchments listed from Friday. Flood Classes (minor, moderate, major) are only defined for catchments where the Bureau provides a flood warning service.

Catchments likely to be affected include:

- Lachlan River to Cotton's Weir - minor flooding
- Tumut River – minor flooding
- Murrumbidgee River to Wagga Wagga – minor flooding
- Upper Murray – Minor Flooding

What you need to do:

People in areas likely to be impacted by flooding should prepare for increasing flood effects. All campers and caravans relocate away from the sites next to water courses.

Actions that you can take to safeguard your family, pets, livestock include:

- Avoid storm drains and pipes, ditches, ravines and rivers.
- Never drive, walk, ride through, play or swim in floodwater—it is dangerous and toxic. If it's flooded, forget it.

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Farmers and businesses are encouraged to:

- Move pumps, animals, and equipment to higher ground before roads close and organise for sufficient stock feed and water for your animals.
- Move poisons, waste and chemicals to high storage locations.
- Gather important business documents and records and keep them with you.

Contacts and further information

- Listen to your local ABC Radio
- Sounds of The Mountains 96.3 94.1 94.3
- Radio Upper Murray 107.7 88.7 98.9
- Visit the NSW SES website and Facebook for information and safety advice:
www.ses.nsw.gov.au/flood
- Access the latest road closure information via your local council website
- Major roads: Live Traffic (www.livetraffic.com.au) or 131 701
- Access rural animal and livestock assistance at Local Land Services:
www.lls.nsw.gov.au
- Follow the latest weather warnings, rainfall and river heights:
<http://www.bom.gov.au/nsw>

Please share this advice with friends, family, and neighbours to help people who need it most.

For emergency help in floods and storms, call the NSW State Emergency Service on 132 500. In life-threatening situations, call triple zero (000) immediately.

The next bulletin will be issued by 2:00 pm on Friday 19 August 2022

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