

# Hay - Rural east and west flooding Prepare to isolate Watch and Act



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Next update: Friday 25 Nov 4:45 pm or as the situation changes

The NSW SES advises people in the following area(s) to **PREPARE TO ISOLATE**:

• Rural areas to the East and West of Hay

You should monitor the situation and prepare to be isolated by floodwater. Consider the effects isolation will have on family, work, and educational commitments.

You may be trapped without power, water, and other essential services and it may be too dangerous for NSW SES to rescue you.

## What are we expecting?

The Bureau of Meteorology advises the Murrumbidgee River at Hay Town was at 8.73 metres at 10:00 am Monday and falling, with major flooding.

The Murrumbidgee River at Hay Town is likely to remain above the major flood level (8.00 metres) through to late November

Based on predictions from the Bureau of Meteorology, the following areas may be impacted by flooding:

- rural properties may become isolated
- roads may close or become impassable

## What you need to do:

- If you have a Home and/or Business Emergency Plan, use it now. Otherwise, have a conversation and plan for what you will do and take with you if you need to evacuate.
- Be prepared you may be isolated for an extended period of time. Make sure you have essential supplies prepared to last for at least three to five days, including food, drinking water, medications, pet food, and animal feed.
- Be prepared you may lose services including power, communications, water, sewerage, and gas. Relocate waste containers, chemicals, and poisons well above the flood level.
- Companion animals and livestock should be relocated to higher ground that will not become an island.
- Monitor the situation closely for updates on rain and river conditions.
- Share this information with family, friends, and neighbours, and help others prepare for isolation where possible.
- If you are isolated and require resupply, contact NSW SES on 132 500.

### For more information:

- Listen to your local ABC radio station which can be found at reception.abc.net.au.
- ABC Riverina 102.7FM, Triple M Riverina 1152AM, Hit Riverina 93.1FM, 2AAAFM

#### 102.7FM

- Follow us on social media <u>@NSWSES</u> or visit our website at <u>www.ses.nsw.gov.au</u>
- Learn about your risk at <a href="https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/knowyourrisk/">www.ses.nsw.gov.au/knowyourrisk/</a>
- Check latest weather, warnings, rainfall and river heights at <a href="mailto:bom.gov.au/nsw/">bom.gov.au/nsw/</a>
- Check road closures at <u>livetraffic.com.au</u> or <u>132 701</u> or your local Council.

For emergency help in floods and storms, call the NSW State Emergency Service on  $\underline{132\ 500}$ . In life threatening situations, call Triple Zero ( $\underline{000}$ ) immediately.

Media enquiries: media@ses.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 067 234

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