



Perricoota and Koondrook State Forests

flooding

Monitor conditions

Advice



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The NSW SES advises people in the following area(s) to **MONITOR CONDITIONS** of the minor flooding on the Murray River:

- Parts of Perricoota State Forest adjacent to the river
- Parts of Koondrook State Forest adjacent to the river
- Low-lying timber and tourist tracks
- Low-lying causeways and culverts
- Low-lying areas along the riverbank

You should monitor conditions by checking warnings issued by NSW SES on their website and Facebook page, listening to your local ABC radio station, and following the latest weather information from the Bureau of Meteorology online.

This warning is for communities in NSW. Floods have different impacts on either side of the Murray River. For information and warnings relevant to Victoria, visit www.emergency.vic.gov.au or call [1800 226 226](tel:1800226226). Always follow advice from your State's emergency services.

What are we expecting?

The Bureau of Meteorology advises Floodwaters from the Goulburn and Campaspe River catchments, combined with local rainfall runoff and flows in the Murray River, have caused minor flooding along the Murray River at Barham.

The river levels at Echuca, Torrumbarry and Swan Hill are expected to remain below the respective minor flood levels.

Murray River downstream of Tocumwal to Barham:

Minor flooding is occurring along the Murray River at Barham.

The Murray River at Echuca is currently at 89.99 metres and falling, below the minor flood level. The Murray River at Echuca is expected to remain below the minor flood level (93.50 metres).

The Murray River at Torrumbarry Weir is currently at 6.52 metres and falling below the minor flood level. The Murray River at Torrumbarry Weir is expected to remain below the minor flood level (7.30 metres).

The Murray River at Barham is currently at 5.55 metres and steady, above the minor flood level (5.50 metres). The Murray River at Barham is likely to remain above the minor flood level until this weekend.

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

- Low lying areas along the riverbank
- Perricoota and Koondrook State Forests may be closed due to flooding of timber and tourist tracks

- Causeways and low-lying roads may be flooded

What you need to do:

- Consider the consequences of road and bridge closures. Damage to roads, bridges or buildings caused by flooding and landslip may still exist in your area. Consider the need to make alternate arrangements for work, children, and travel.
- Be aware of road hazards including mud and debris.
- Remain vigilant as there could still be water in low lying areas.
- Obey all signs about road closures and instructions from emergency services.
- Never drive, walk, ride through, play or swim in flood water - it is dangerous, toxic, and may void your car insurance. If it's flooded, forget it. Fines may apply.
- Avoid storm drains and pipes, ditches, ravines, creeks, and rivers.
- 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.
- Follow us on social media [@NSWSES](https://twitter.com/NSWSES) or visit our website at www.ses.nsw.gov.au
- Learn about your risk at www.ses.nsw.gov.au/knowyourrisk/
- Check latest weather, warnings, rainfall and river heights at www.bom.gov.au/nsw/
- Check road closures at livetraffic.com.au or [132 701](https://132701.com.au) or your local Council.

For emergency help in floods, storms and tsunamis, call the NSW State Emergency Service on [132 500](https://132500.com.au). In life threatening situations, call Triple Zero ([000](https://000.com.au)) immediately.

Media enquiries: media@ses.nsw.gov.au or call [1800 067 234](https://1800067234.com.au)

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