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### **Water level lowered for Risdon Brook Dam maintenance**

TasWater plans to lower the water level in Risdon Brook Dam as part of a scheduled maintenance program.

It will involve the removal of vegetation from within the dam, which will help improve the water quality.

This work will take place over several weeks with parts of the walking track closed during the movement of heavy machinery and for short periods, access to the walking track loop around the dam may be restricted for safety reasons. Work will only take place during business hours and not weekends.

The water level will be lowered in a controlled manner through a valve which runs into the nearby Risdon Brook waterway next to the East Derwent Highway. Flows in the brook may be slightly higher than usual but will not affect the surrounding area.

Risdon Brook Dam's water level is already quite low due to ongoing dry conditions and with further lowering, significant areas of the dam will be exposed and alter the look of the shoreline.

Risdon Brook Dam is a back-up drinking water supply for the Eastern Shore which is typically used over summer when demand increases. Scheduling the work at this time of year provides time to refill the dam before next summer when it may next be needed.

TasWater appreciates the patience of visitors to Risdon Brook during the works period and expects the dam to return to its normal level when the work is finished.

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