Chaffey Dam EWS Removal

Client: WaterNSW
Date: 2020 – current

Description

WaterNSW is undertaking the removal of the Chaffey Dam early warning system at Woolomin, located approximately 7 km downstream of Chaffey Dam.

The early warning system was originally installed as a safety measure to alert the community if a Probable Maximum Flood were to occur.

In recent years Chaffey Dam has undergone a number of upgrade projects. The construction of an auxiliary spillway and the raising of the dam wall by 8.4 metres along with raising the sill level of the morning glory spillway by 6.5 metres, means the dam is now capable of safely passing a Probable Maximum Flood event. The Early Warning System at Woolomin is no longer required and so the two towers at Woolomin are being removed.

Comacon has been engaged to provide community and stakeholder consultation, landowner negotiations and other communications support throughout the delivery of this project.

Approach

Comacon is working closely with the WaterNSW project team to implement the community engagement plan, including liaising with key stakeholders, updating the project web site, developing signage, planning a pop-up session and supporting the project team in the development of communications materials.

Benefits

Key benefits include:

- Improving the reliability, operation and efficiency of the dam safety emergency plan (DSEP)
- Providing clear understanding of roles and responsibilities as part of the DSEP
- Improving the knowledge of dam safety in Woolomin.

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