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Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme

Seaham Levee Bank Protection Works

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water are continuing protection works as part of the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme.

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water will soon commence essential repair works along the Seaham Levee (Site 08) as part of the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme (HVFMS).

The Seaham Levee, located along the Williams River at East Seaham, was identified as requiring remediation following the major flood events of 2021 and 2022. Detailed investigations have confirmed bank instability, scarping, and erosion along the levee frontage, along with vegetation impacts that are contributing to structural degradation. These works are required to stabilise the riverbank, protect the levee, and ensure ongoing flood resilience for the surrounding area.

Key information about the works

- **Work Purpose:** The works will stabilise the riverbank through the installation of engineered rock revetment and associated reshaping
- **Access to the Site:** Access to the site will be arranged in coordination with local authorities and stakeholders. Detailed logistics including temporary site setup, traffic management, and safety arrangements will be finalised prior to commencement to ensure smooth operations and minimal disruption to the surrounding community.

Work Activities

The activities involved in the repair works include:

- Site establishment, access track preparation and installation of environmental controls
- Excavation, shaping and preparation of the riverbank
- Placement of geotextile and graded rock layers along the bank
- Tie-in works to connect new revetment to stable adjacent bank sections
- Management of vegetation, including removal of invasive reed beds and retention of specified trees
- Completion of reinstatement works and demobilisation

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Our Work Schedule

- Construction Phase: Estimated to last approximately 24 weeks, subject to weather and on-site conditions.
- Commencement: Early July 2026 subject to weather and approvals.
- Work Hours:
  - Monday to Friday: 7:00am – 6:00pm
  - Saturday: 7:00am – 1:00pm
  - No work will be conducted on Sundays or public holidays.

Site Access and Landholder Communication

Access to the site will be coordinated with landholders and relevant authorities. The contractor will contact you directly to arrange access where required and confirm any property-specific considerations. All works will be conducted within the defined construction footprint, with care taken to avoid unnecessary disturbance to remaining vegetation and any private infrastructure as per engineering requirements.

Community and Safety

All works will adhere to stringent safety protocols and environmental guidelines. Measures to minimise community disruption (including traffic management and noise reduction) will be implemented throughout the construction phase.

Contact Us

If you have any questions about the upcoming works, please contact:

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We appreciate your cooperation as we undertake these important repairs to improve flood resilience and safeguard the Hunter Valley community.

Yours sincerely,

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