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Gemma Casey  
A/Dam Infrastructure Manager  
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GPO Box 1393  
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Dear Ms Casey

## **DAM SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN - ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FY2023/24**

I wish to acknowledge receipt of TasWater's Dam Safety Management Plan Annual Progress Report (Annual Report) for FY2023/24 reporting period received on 13 January 2025.

Thank you for advising the Department on 27 March 2025 that the timeline for the spillway upgrade works at Lake Mikany Dam has been modified from the reported timeline detailed in the TasWater 2023/24 Annual Report. I note that the timeline has been shifted with the delivery of the spillway upgrade scheduled for FY2027/28, with an updated completion date now expected in 2028.

In accordance with Section 165C of the *Water Management Act 1999*, the Minister (or delegate) may formulate measures to ensure dam safety, particularly through plans to eliminate or reduce risks to people, property or the environment. These measures are outlined in the Letter dated 27 March 2012 that requires TasWater to conduct an Annual Portfolio Risk Assessment for all dams with Significant or above Consequence category and provide a progress report to the Minister annually.

The Department's role in reviewing the Annual Report is to ensure TasWater has considered and provided relevant information to satisfy the NRE Tas as the regulator that TasWater's Dam Safety Program is continuing to manage the portfolio of high risk dams safely in accordance with Part 8A of the *Water Management Act 1999* and *Water Management (Safety of Dams) Regulations 2015* (including relevant ANCOLD guidelines). Responsibility for assurance of the accuracy and other technical information in the Annual Report rests with TasWater as the Portfolio Dam Owner.

NRE Tas as the regulator has reviewed the Annual Report. Based on this review, NRE Tas accepts that the Annual Report has addressed TasWater's reporting obligations specified by the Letter (27/3/2012) and has demonstrated that TasWater is adequately meeting its regulatory dam safety obligations, while also documenting a work program to continue to reduce portfolio risk to as low as is reasonably possible.

Pursuant to s.17 of the *Water Management (Safety of Dams) Regulations 2015*, the fee payable for assessing the Annual Report is \$448.80. An invoice for this amount is enclosed (refer Attachment 1).

If you have any queries relating to this letter or a dam safety matter, please contact Chris Cleary ([chris.cleary@nre.tas.gov.au](mailto:chris.cleary@nre.tas.gov.au)).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christina Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Christina Jackson

**Manager (Water Policy and Planning)**

Encl.

Attachment 1 – NRE Tas Invoice for assessing Annual Report.