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Objective

To provide a commitment to the safe management of Rylstone Dam

Legislative requirements

The Dam Safety Act 2015 and Dam Safety Regulation 2019 requires water utilities to develop and implement a Dam Safety Management System for each declared dam. Implementing a Dam Safety Management System for Rylstone Dam, in line with the Guideline: Dam Safety Management System (Dam Safety NSW, March 2021), satisfies this requirement.

Related policies and plans

- Rylstone Dam Operation and Maintenance Plan
- Rylstone Dam Safety Emergency Plan

Policy

To achieve the safe management of Rylstone Dam, Mid-Western Regional Council will:

- Implement a Dam Safety Management System (DSMS), which will be maintained, continuously improved and reviewed on a periodic basis in line with the Dam Safety regulation 2019.
- Use a risk based approach in which potential risks to Rylstone Dam are identified and managed to minimise any danger.
- Operate and maintain Rylstone Dam using trained personnel to ensure the dam is maintained in a safe condition
- Commit to implement actions in response to dam assessments to ensure that Rylstone Dam is maintained in a safe condition
- Implement an appropriate Dam Safety Emergency Plan (DSEP). Regularly test and review the DSEP
- Continually improve the capability of staff by encouraging and supporting participation in training and professional development and ensure all employees are aware of and actively seek to achieve the aims of this policy

All managers, employees, and contractors of Mid-Western Regional Council that are involved in the management of Rylstone Dam are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the Dam Safety Management System.