

# Tallowa Dam fish lift upgrade

November 2024

Work to repair the fish lift will enable fish migration between the lower and upper Shoalhaven River.

Work to upgrade electrical and mechanical components of the Tallowa Dam fish lift and construction of access walkways for maintenance will start in December 2024. The work will be completed by early 2026, weather permitting.

Once completed, the fish lift will return to normal operation, enabling fish migration between the upper and lower Shoalhaven River.

## Electrical and mechanical upgrades, access for maintenance

The work will include:

- Replacing and renewing components including actuators and valves, new pipework and electrical distribution boards.
- New control systems to allow for remote monitoring of the fish lift.
- New access walkways for ongoing maintenance.

Heavy machinery including excavators and cranes will be used to assist with lifting and installing the new components.

## Construction hours

Working hours will be 7am to 5pm Monday to Saturday.

No work is planned on Sundays or public holidays.



**Tallowa Dam and fish lift on the right-hand side**

## Construction and compound areas

A temporary work site including amenities and site sheds will be located adjacent to the lower viewing area track.

The main construction work will be completed in an area adjacent to the lower viewing area track.

## Access to recreation facilities

Public access to the upper and lower canoe portage areas will remain open during this work.

The public carpark, BBQ areas and toilets will also remain open during this work.

Access to the lower viewing area and lower canoe launching area located close to the construction area will have fencing and traffic control in place to ensure public safety. There will also be temporary fencing along a section of the upper viewing area walkway at the crest to allow for electrical upgrade work.

Please follow all site signage and be aware of construction traffic.

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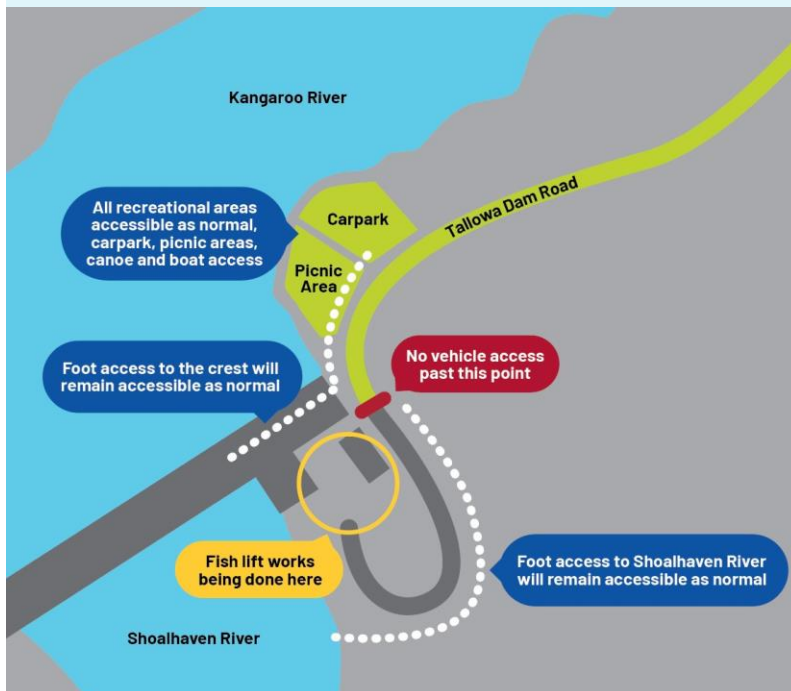
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## The Tallowa Dam fish lift upgrade aims to restore natural fish migration routes in the Shoalhaven River.

This project holds profound cultural importance for the **Jerrinja peoples**, whose connection to the Shoalhaven River and its ecosystems runs deep.

The river is a living part of their cultural heritage, embodying connection to Country, ancestors, and the Dreaming.

This project will help heal Country and reflects the shared commitment to preserving cultural values and the natural environment.



### Did you know?

Constructed in the mid-1970s, the dam is the centrepiece of the Shoalhaven Scheme.

Tallowa Dam collects water from a 5,750 square kilometre catchment which extends from Kangaroo Valley in the north-east to the upper Shoalhaven River south-west of Braidwood.

When Sydney's dam levels drop to 75%, water from the Shoalhaven Scheme can be fed into the Upper Nepean dams and Warragamba Dam to top up Sydney and Illawarra water supplies.

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