

Toonumbar Dam

FACT SHEET



FACTS AND FIGURES

- The dam is regarded as a **small dam** when compared with many many others in NSW and provides an extremely **high level of water security** to people on the north coast.
- It is the **most northern dam in NSW** and holds water from a **9,800 ha catchment** for **irrigation and water supply** in the Richmond Valley.
- The dam's surface area is equal to nearly **500 football fields** and its wall is taller than a **13-storey building**.
- Toonumbar is an **Aboriginal word for heelmark**.
- **Construction began in 1969** and took two years to build, using **largely local materials**.
- Toonumbar Dam was established to **conserve water, control flows, reduce flood risk** and provide a **reliable water supply** in the tributaries of the Richmond River.
- A road runs along the crest of the dam, 9.5 metres above the normal lake level, the clearance is used to **hold excess water under flood conditions**.
- The dam provides **river flows, stock and domestic requirements, irrigated agriculture, industry, flood mitigation** and **environmental flows**.



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Height:	44 m
Length:	229 m
Water depth:	34 m
Full supply level:	129.6 m above sea level
Storage capacity:	11,000 ML
Surface area:	320 ha
Catchment area:	98 km ²
Spillway capacity:	147,000 ML per day

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Visit Toonumbar Dam

Toonumbar Dam is situated in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range on the North Coast of NSW, located on Iron Pot Creek, 28 km west of Kyogle and 55 km north-west of Casino. Entry is free and the dam grounds are open 24 hours a day, all year round. There are excellent barbeque and picnic facilities and visitors are encouraged to walk across the dam wall for spectacular views across the lake fringed by the rugged bushland of Richmond Range National Park.



Activities

Toonumbar Dam offers year-round recreation including fishing, swimming, sailing and bushwalking. There are excellent barbeque and picnic facilities with walking tracks providing views of the rainforest and local fauna. Camping is available 3km north of the dam at Bells Bay Camping Ground.

- Camping
- Picnic areas
- Fishing
- Boat ramps
- Toilets
- Water sports
- Bushwalking
- Bird watching

📞 If you have questions about visiting Bells Bay Camping Ground, we recommend you contact Kyogle Fishing Club by phone on 0459 383 498 or email kyoglefishingclub@gmail.com.

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