

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice**

Tuesday, 11 August 2020

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C736. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water

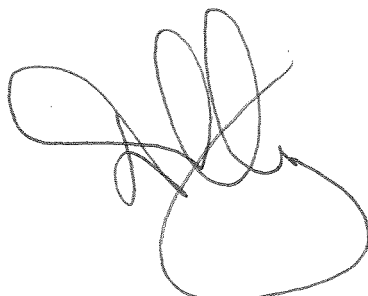
I refer to Lake Argyle and its monitoring, and I ask:

1. What is the current amount of water stored in the dam, by volume, and by depth?
2. What is the predicted amount of water stored in the dam, by volume, at 31 December 2020?
3. What is the predicted amount of water stored in the dam, by volume, at 31 December 2021, assuming comparable weather?
4. At what stage - if any - do water use restrictions from Lake Argyle begin to apply, and for what purposes are they applied?

Answer

1. The water level in Lake Argyle on Tuesday 11 August is 83.13mAHD, which is 3,929GL.
2. Assuming there is no rain between now and 31 December 2020, the water level is projected to be 80.50mAHD, which is 2,697GL.
3. Assuming the weather is comparable to the last wet season, the lake level is anticipated to be around 77mAHD, 1,528GL.
4. Water restrictions would be applied in a staged way if storage drops below trigger levels. The Ord Surface Water Allocation Plan outlines the lake levels that trigger the sharing of water for irrigation, environmental water releases and hydropower releases.

There is only a very low probability that Lake Argyle will drop below irrigation trigger levels in the period until December 2022.



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