

Increased water flow

FROM WAIMEA COMMUNITY DAM TO WAIMEA ESTUARY

PLEASE BE AWARE

On Thursday 4, Friday 5 and Saturday 6 April, the Waimea Community Dam is testing the large valves that release water into the river, meaning the Lee, Wairoa and Waimea rivers will rise.

Each of these valves has the capacity to release a flow of 10 cumecs. How much is this? Ten cumecs is about the same as a typical winter flow, and too much for most people to wade across in most locations, particularly in the Lee River.

When the extra water is released there will be a noticeable rise in the water levels from the Dam to the Waimea Estuary. The water level rise will be reasonably rapid.

The extra flow will cross some beaches that have not been 'flushed' for some time, so it's likely there will be debris and discolouration in the river. This should only last 3–4 hours at a time. While it is temporary, people should not enter the river while it is elevated and discoloured.

- **Do not sit or park close to the Lee, Wairoa and Waimea rivers during this time.**
- **Do not swim or wade during the testing, particularly if you have small children.**



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