

# North Eton Emergency Warning System

The emergency warning system consists of:

- A siren in the north-west corner of the North Eton Community Park on Kinchant Dam Road.
- Two electronic 'Road Subject to Flooding' signs.
- A camera on Kinchant Dam Road adjacent to Antony's Crossing.



Above: Sirens

## Ensure you're well informed this wet season

**Download** the SunWater App for dam operational alerts and visit [sunwater.com.au](http://sunwater.com.au) to read more about your local dam.

**Check** with Mackay Regional Council about what information is available in your community. They are primarily responsible for flood management. Visit [mackay.qld.gov.au/business/strategic\\_planning/waterways\\_and\\_coastal\\_hazards\\_planning](http://mackay.qld.gov.au/business/strategic_planning/waterways_and_coastal_hazards_planning) for more information.

**Monitor** the Bureau of Meteorology website at [bom.gov.au/qld/warnings](http://bom.gov.au/qld/warnings) or your local council resources for flood warnings.

**Watch** lake, weir and river water levels in locations throughout Queensland at Water Aware – [wateraware.fyi](http://wateraware.fyi).

**Access** our *Be Rain Ready* resources, including social media advice, posters, videos and fact sheets at [rainready.com.au](http://rainready.com.au).

## Further Information

For more information visit [sunwater.com.au/development/projects/emergency-warning-system-installation](http://sunwater.com.au/development/projects/emergency-warning-system-installation) or call SunWater's Customer Hotline on **13 15 89**.



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MAKING WATER WORK



Kinchant Dam

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As a responsible water infrastructure manager, SunWater is installing **new warning systems for downstream communities** in the highly unlikely event of a dam failure.

This is part of our best practice, continuous improvement approach to managing our water storage and distribution network.



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## About SunWater

SunWater develops and manages a regional network of bulk water supply infrastructure that spans across Queensland. We support around 5000 customers in the irrigated agriculture, local government, mining, power generation and industrial sectors.

Stretching from Mareeba, west to Mount Isa and south to St George and Goondiwindi, SunWater's water storage and distribution network includes 19 major dams, 63 weirs and barrages, 82 major pumping stations and 3100 kilometres of pipelines and channels.

SunWater is committed to best practice emergency management systems that provide accurate and timely information, and emergency warnings in the interest of community safety.

## About the Warning Systems

Installation of these new dam safety emergency warning systems DOES NOT indicate an increased dam safety risk.

SunWater already has in place a strict safety management program to ensure our dams are managed and maintained to industry standards.

The new emergency warning systems are part of an effort to continually improve our emergency management processes.

The new system will ensure that communities downstream of a SunWater dam receive urgent warning alerts in the highly unlikely event of a dam failure.

The warning system will not be activated in the event of dam water releases or downstream flooding and will only be used to warn downstream communities of the highly unlikely event of dam failure.

Do not rely on the warning system for warning of natural flooding.

## What to Do...

### When the warning systems are activated

The siren will be 'live' following installation and will ONLY be activated in the highly unlikely event of a dam failure.

### If the warning system activates

IMMEDIATELY evacuate as directed by Emergency Services personnel.

Please note, this information is correct at the time of publication (April 2018).

### The siren will activate in two parts

- a voice announcing that siren has been activated
- a whoop-whoop sound

This sequence will repeat for three cycles and repeat every five minutes until deactivated.

Siren coverage will supplement existing emergency SMS messaging.

### IF YOU HEAR THE SIREN, ACT IMMEDIATELY

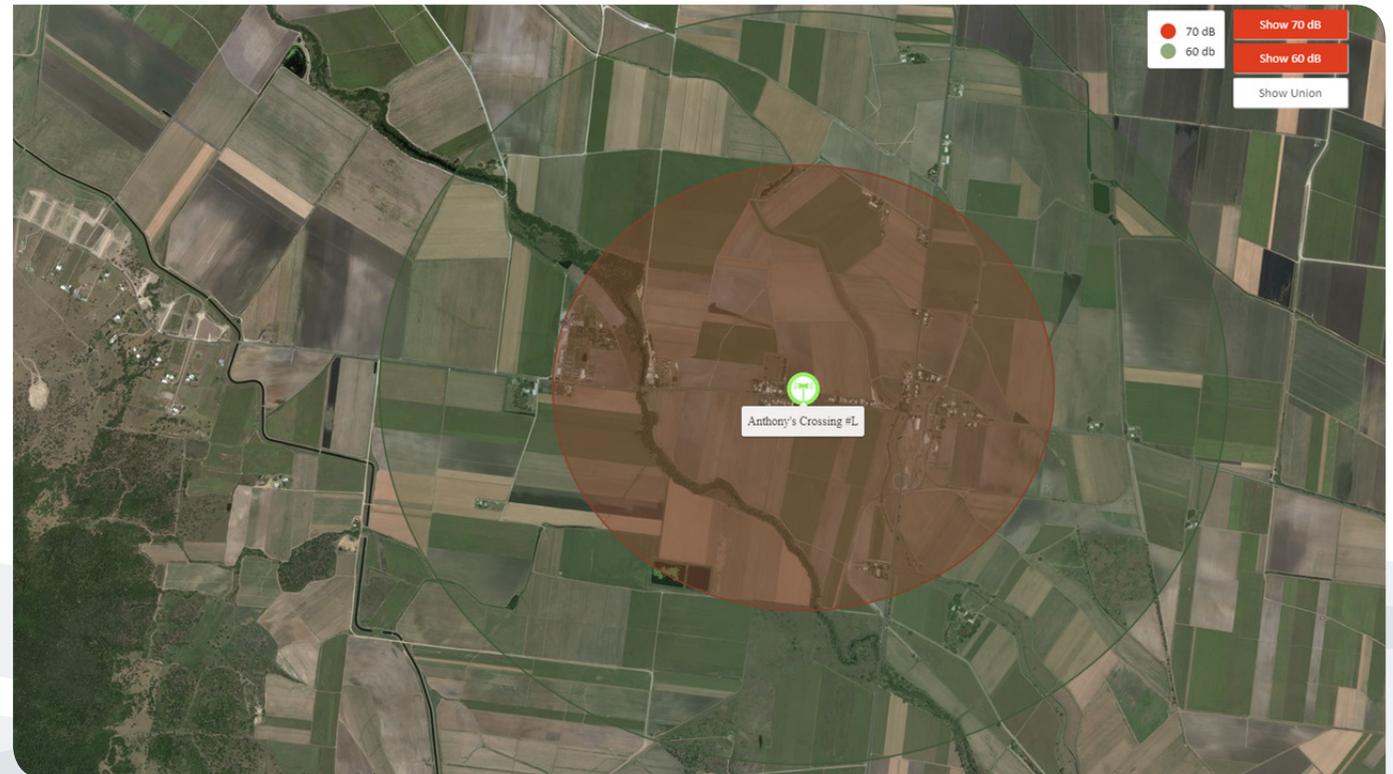
Regular **silent tests** will be conducted. So if the siren sounds, it is NOT an exercise or test and residents should immediately move to the designated emergency assembly point.

Never cross flooded roads until advised by the appropriate authorities that it is safe to do so.

Residents and visitors are reminded of the Queensland Government initiative

*If It's Flooded, Forget It.*

Information relating to flooded roads is available via – [floodwatersafety.initiatives.qld.gov.au/flooded-roads-map/](http://floodwatersafety.initiatives.qld.gov.au/flooded-roads-map/)



Above: North Eton siren location and range