

## TENDERS REVIEWED FOR BURRENDONG DESIGN

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State Water Corporation is currently reviewing tenders for the detailed design of stage one of the \$28 million Burrendong Dam safety upgrade.

The contract to design the crest-raising works will be awarded later this week, with construction expected to commence early in 2010.

State Water's CEO George Warne said the upgrade is designed to ensure the dam complies with new regulations concerning extreme flooding.

"All of State Water's dams are safe for day-to-day operation," Mr Warne said.

"Burrendong Dam is one of seven owned by State Water identified as requiring an upgrade to comply with new legislation to manage very rare floods."

Funded by the NSW Government, stage one of the safety upgrade will involve raising the main dam wall and two saddle dams by 1.8 meters as well as works on the existing spillway.

"The works will increase the flood mitigation capacity of the dam by raising its height so in an extremely rare flood event water would be retained behind the dam wall," Mr Warne said.

"We will be closing the road atop the wall during construction and may close it permanently thereafter for vehicular access for safety reasons," he said.

The second stage of the upgrade will involve constructing a spillway and fuse plug on one of the saddle dams.

The upgrade is not designed to increase the dam's storage capacity and will not affect water releases from the dam, Mr Warne said.

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"We are in touch with stakeholders affected by the upgrade and will aim to minimize impacts to users of the dam during construction."

For further information on the upgrade contact State Water on (02) 6841 2000 or visit the website [www.statewater.com.au](http://www.statewater.com.au).

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