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Independent review into Wyangala Dam access options

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NSW Minister for Water Phil Costa today announced the Hon. Ian Armstrong OBE will undertake an independent review of future access to Wyangala Dam and surrounding community facilities.

Mr Costa said the planned safety upgrade of Wyangala Dam by State Water will restrict current road across the dam, meaning a suitable alternative must be in place before construction work begins.

“The local community has made it clear to me that they want all the access options looked at in detail before any work starts at Wyangala Dam,” said Mr Costa.

“It’s important that State Water implements a solution that is acceptable to the local community.

“I have requested Mr Armstrong undertake an independent review of all the options.

“Ian knows the area well and he will be working closely with State Water, Cowra Council and local community stakeholders to compile his report.”

The Minister also said that the community meeting scheduled for next week will be postponed until Mr Armstrong has completed his review.

“Once Mr Armstrong has finished his investigations a new date for the public meeting will be set,” he said.

“Mr Armstrong will chair the public meeting and provide a summary of his findings, as well as facilitate presentations from State Water, Cowra Council and the local community.

“I am confident this process will lead to a better outcome for the local community and the many thousands of tourists who visit the dam and surrounding townships each year,” added the Minister.

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