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Wyangala Dam Overflows

The Chair of the Central NSW Joint Organisation Cr John Medcalf has mixed feelings about Wyangala Dam overflowing over the weekend.

“On the one hand it is a magnificent thing to see that amount of water flowing into the Lachlan Valley. On the other it is both a wasted opportunity and a potential flood risk,” said Cr Medcalf.

“The two things we know about climate change is that it will get hotter and drier with massive storm events in between,” said Cr Medcalf.

“This means we need to capture and sensibly manage as much water as we can. The raising of the wall at Wyangala Dam needs to push on. The next drought is just around the corner,” said Cr Medcalf.

“The Mayors of this region have worked together through the past two droughts; working cooperatively to solve our water security issues. We have won national awards for our work. There are two key findings from our work: water security, especially for towns needs multiple sources and we need more storage,” said Cr Medcalf.

“It was so pleasing to see the State Government’s election commitment to raising the wall at Wyangala Dam and both the Deputy Premier and Minister for Water reiterating this support at the recent Board meeting,” said Cr Medcalf.

“The Lachlan Valley has such poor water security for all its users and the raised dam wall will turn this around while managing the flood risk,” said Cr Medcalf.

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