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ACHERON COMMUNITY FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE11 August 2023

Since our last update on 28 July, Goulburn Murray Water has reduced water releases from Lake Eildon to 1,000 megalitres per day as of 9.00 am on 9 August 2023. This has dropped the river level sufficiently to allow our contractor safe access to start doing work around Breakaway Bridge.

Now that pre-construction works are complete and the river level has dropped, contractors can safely undertake the planned bank stabilisation works, which involves placement of rock (rip rap) along the eroded bank. Our aim is to have this work completed before the end of August.

As mentioned in a previous update, Council has engaged specialist bridge engineers to undertake hydraulic modelling, which will provide us with a definitive answer on the lateral stability of the bridge piers. Sonar testing of the riverbed adjacent to the bridge is required for this modelling to be completed. Information gathered from this work will help us determine the future of the bridge.

Council has also appointed JCA land surveyors to reestablish property boundaries along Breakaway Road in preparation for future works at the bridge. Surveyors should be in the area, sometime in the next few weeks.

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