



DEFINITIONS

The Don't Raise the Dam Fact Sheets use some words and phrases have particular meanings. They are:

Full supply level. The high water level of Lake Burragarang at which the dam is defined as full. Presently this is about 13 metres below the top of the dam.

Spillway. A section of the dam that permits floodwaters to pass without affecting its safety when the water levels rise above the full supply level.

Dam safety. The solution provided when the dam will not be damaged under any probable flood.

Flood Mitigation. Any action that helps reduce downstream flood levels.

Flood Management. Any action that helps communities live with floods.

Planning level. The flood level below which new development is prohibited by State and local Governments. It is based on the levels of floods of stated frequency. For example, a one in 100 year planning level marks the height that flood waters may reach on average once every 100 years.

1 in 100 year flood. A flood which occurs on average once every 100 years.

Probable Maximum Flood. The largest flood which, it is believed, is ever likely to occur.

[Largest] Flood on Record. The biggest flood to have occurred since records began. This occurred in 1867.

Flood Risk. The likelihood of a flood occurring in any given year.

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