

# Hydro Tasmania

## SAFETY OR ENVIRONMENT BRIEF

### Water release into spiral case

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SAP Number (if applicable)	85009	Approved By	Head of WHS
Action Required?	Yes		

#### Summary

Mackintosh Power Station is currently undergoing a Major Maintenance Outage with multiple active work fronts.

During servicing of the intake still well, the drain valves were opened to remove water. This resulted in water entering the penstock, flowing into the spiral case, and exiting through the spiral case access hatch.

The spiral case was considered an active work area; however, no personnel were inside at the time of the water release. **Note** - The still well drain valves are not typically isolated to provide safe access into the spiral case.

#### Photos

Spiral Case Access	Drain valve and access hatch location
	

#### Message

An investigation is underway, and a Safety Alert will be issued once the investigation is complete. In the meantime, please discuss this incident with your teams, consider any risks that may apply to your work, and remain vigilant around isolation practices and coordinating different work activities.