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Ash Dam construction commences at Callide Power Station

Construction work awarded to Cook's Construction Pty Ltd to raise the Callide Power Station's ash dam will commence from 1 August 2003 with expected completion by the end of October.

Expansion of Callide Power Station's site capacity has always meant that the ash dam's capacity may need to be increased. The recent volume of rain from Cyclone Beni has brought forward these upgrade works.

Callide Power Station Manager, Jim Randell said the ash dam wall would be raised by 1.05 metres with the spillway increased by 1.4 metres to increase the dam's capacity by 1550 megalitres.

"We are committed to continuing our zero water discharge record so we have brought forward some of the upgrade works," Mr Randell said.

"While another event like Cyclone Beni is highly unlikely, we are upgrading the dam to manage increased water levels before the next wet season to cover unseasonal rainfall events.

"Construction work is expected to run six days per week during daylight hours and the timing of this upgrade specifically avoids the wet season.

"Our commitment to meeting our environmental obligations ensures that Callide Power Station will remain one of Australia's leading electricity generators," he said.

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