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DSE, Indigo Council and CoM seeking long term solution for Lake King.

The, Indigo Shire Council, Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Rutherglen Park Committee of Management, are working together to develop a long term solution for Lake King.

This week (week starting 19 Feb), work has started on a feature survey of the site.

Indigo Shire Mayor, Larry Goldsworthy said: "The feature survey, in conjunction with other studies that will be carried out, will help DSE, Council and the community determine options for the long-term, sustainable future of Lake King.

"It's expected recommendations will be put to DSE, Council and the Committee of Management for consideration by mid-year, and community consultation can begin soon after."

DSE Regional Director, North East, Peter Farrell said: "Ultimately the long-term future of Lake King will be decided by DSE, Indigo Shire Council, in conjunction with the community."

"DSE has contributed \$40,000 from the public safety on public land fund to engage consultants to conduct the required studies.

"It's important to find the best possible solution for the future of Lake King, including the future management of the area," he said.

An inspection of Lake King by a consultant engineer found trees on the embankment, the remnants of an old cooling water pipe, and issues related to the original construction of the dam have contributed to seepage problems.

Lake King was developed as a water storage for Rutherglen in the 1860s but has not been used to supply water since the 1890s.

A committee of management, made up of volunteers from the local community was appointed in 1972 to manage the surrounding Rutherglen Park.

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