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No flooding as river peaks

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Despite a council flood alert for some suburbs, the Brisbane River peaked this afternoon with no reported flooding incidents. However CityCat and CityFerry services will remain out of action into tomorrow due to debris in the river.

Yesterday the Brisbane City Council said it was playing it safe by warning residents to prepare for the possibility of street flooding around the city today.

The Council were concerned that water releases from Wivenhoe dam combined with an expected high tide could lead to flooding in at least seven suburbs, including Albion, Bowen Hills, Newstead, Windsor, Milton, Norman Park and East Brisbane.

But as the high tide came and went today, no flooding was reported.

No reduction in quantity of water released

The flow from the dam will continue until early next week to bring the Dam level back to a safe level to maintain its flood mitigation capacity.

According to Bureau of Meteorology data, the peak water level in the river at the Brisbane City measuring point has decreased each day this week.

This is despite a gradual increase in the amount of water being released.

The output of water peaked today at approximately 130,000 megalitres per day, or 1,500 tonnes per second.

Subject to weather conditions and inflow, Mr Dennien says, releases will stay at this volume until early Saturday morning, when the flow will be gradually decreased.

In the absence of any significant rainfall, gates are expected to be closed by early next week.

Ferry services suspended

CityCat and CityFerry services were suspended today and will remain suspended into tomorrow morning due to debris in the river from previous heavy weather conditions.

Residents sandbagged homes

Earlier today residents in some flood prone areas sandbagged their homes against the potential flood risk

