How to use the 'DamDeep' (also see [video](#))

1. Undo any tie-wire or line keeping the sinker tidy against the hand reel (replace this when finished to stop the line getting tangled).

2. Remove (if present) the black plastic 'pin' that stops the line going through the float (replace this when finished to stop the line getting tangled). Some floats have a fixed black 'pin' that the line goes through so no need to remove it.

3. Let about a meter of line off the reel.
4. Make sure all the beads are nestled near the float, and the float against the sinker (see photo in 2 above).
5. Hold the reel in your left hand, so that the 'flared side' is facing into the middle of the dam (or where you want to measure).
6. With your right hand, hold the line about 1m above the sinker/float.
7. Make sure none of your left hand fingers are sticking over the 'flared' side of the reel (this will just cause the line to stop when it hits your fingers)
8. Gently swing the sinker and float under-arm to the middle of the dam in a high arc. A high arc is needed to ensure the sinker and line don't just rocket across the dam, and the float is moved back along the line from the horizontal trajectory when it hits the water. We want the float to move vertically when the sinker hits the water and is sinking. More effort may be needed if the dam is larger.
9. Allow a few moments for the sinker to sink to the bottom of the dam (it won't go much into any mud/ silt).
10. Gently wind in the line.

11. You should notice the very top bead (usually pink) is now staying some distance above the float & sinker. Gently lay the line on the bank.
12. Measure with a tape the distance from the top bead to the float/ sinker – this is the depth of the dam at the point it sunk in the dam.
13. Repeat at locations around the dam to get a good idea of the depth. Remember to slide that top bead down against the float before casting again.
14. To pack up, wind all the line on the reel, replace the black plastic 'pin' if needed and secure the sinker with tie-wire or line.