

Victoria's North and Murray Water Resource Plan

Comprehensive Report (Draft for Comment)



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Aboriginal acknowledgement

We acknowledge and respect Victorian Traditional Owners as the original custodians of Victoria's land and waters, their unique ability to care for Country and deep spiritual connection to it.

We honour Elders past and present whose knowledge and wisdom has ensured the continuation of culture and traditional practices.

We are committed to genuinely partner, and meaningfully engage, with Victoria's Traditional Owners and Aboriginal communities to support the protection of Country, the maintenance of spiritual and cultural practices and their broader aspirations in the 21st century and beyond.

Consultation

How to make a submission

This draft Comprehensive Report for public consultation has been developed with input from key stakeholders across the water sector, including representatives from water corporations, catchment management authorities, the Victorian Environmental Water Holder, local government, Traditional Owners, farming and environmental groups.

The Victorian Government is now seeking broader community input and feedback to inform the final water resource plan. Your views and ideas are important and the Government welcomes and encourages the involvement of all with an interest in water resource management in the region.

The draft Comprehensive Report will be open for public consultation until 4 March 2019, with a final Water Resource Plan expected to be released in June 2019 following the Murray-Darling Basin Authority's assessment.

The community and stakeholders can get involved in the following ways:

- Attend a regional stakeholder or community forum
- Make a submission at engage.vic.gov.au/water-resource-plan-northern-victoria (submissions close 5 p.m. 4 March 2019)

Submissions will be made public unless confidentiality is requested. Submissions that are defamatory or offensive will not be published.

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