

Submission form for the draft Murrumbidgee Valley Floodplain Management Plan: Stage 2 public exhibition

How to fill out this form

The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is seeking your feedback on the draft Murrumbidgee Valley Floodplain Management Plan.

We are seeking feedback through a public exhibition process from Monday 19 August to Sunday 29 September 2024. The publication *Draft Murrumbidgee Valley Floodplain Management Plan – Report to assist Stage 2 public exhibition* provides information that can help you to complete this submission form. This report is available on the department’s website at:

water.nsw.gov.au/murrumbidgee-floodplain-management-plan

To provide feedback on the management zones shown in Figure 3 in the report and on the [interactive spatial map](#), we recommend you:

1. take a screenshot of the relevant area/s displayed on the interactive spatial map
2. use a drawing tool to illustrate feedback or refer to the area shown in written feedback
3. save the screenshot of the map as an image file and attach it to your submission.

Mandatory questions are indicated with an asterisk (*).

How to submit your feedback

Have your say by Sunday 29 September 2024.

Save or print the completed submission form and send it via:

Email: floodplain.planning@dpie.nsw.gov.au OR

Post: Murrumbidgee Valley FMP

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Information on privacy and confidentiality

All submissions, including maps, received by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water will be reviewed and published. The department values your input and accepts that information you provide may be private and personal.

When publishing submissions, including maps, the department will make every effort to redact personal and identifying information (your name will be published if you provide us with permission to do so).

If you want your name to be treated as confidential, please indicate this by ticking the relevant box below.

Your information will be handled by the department in accordance with the [Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998](#). Any personal information you provide in completing this form will only be used to inform the development of the Murrumbidgee Valley Floodplain Management Plan. We will not use or disclose the information for any other purpose, unless required or authorised to do so.

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If you wish to view or amend the information held by us, you can email us at floodplain.planning@dpie.nsw.gov.au, or contact the department's Information Access and Privacy Unit on 02 9860 1440 or at privacy.dcceew@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Privacy questions

Do you give permission for your name to be published with your submission? *

Yes

No

If you are answering on behalf of an organisation, do you give permission for your organisation's name to be published? *

Yes

No

Not applicable

Your details

Details	
1. Given name *	
2. Family name *	
3. Email address *	
4. Address	
5. Phone number	
6. Are you making this submission as an individual or as a representative of an organisation? * (Mark only one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (skip to question 9) <input type="checkbox"/> Organisation
7. Name of organisation	
8. Who do you represent? *	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Peak representative organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation industry <input type="checkbox"/> Mining industry <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
9. Have you read the <u>Draft Murrumbidgee Valley Floodplain Management Plan – Report to assist Stage 2 public exhibition?</u> *	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10. Did/will you attend any of the following in relation to the Murrumbidgee Valley Floodplain Management Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> An individual appointment <input type="checkbox"/> A phone call with departmental staff <input type="checkbox"/> A group meeting with departmental staff <input type="checkbox"/> None of these

The following sections relate to the feedback we are seeking on the draft floodplain management plan as described in the Report to assist public exhibition. Follow the steps on page 1 to provide feedback on the management zones shown in Figure 3.

Proposed management zones

The proposed management zones represent the hydraulic, ecological or Aboriginal cultural (or combination of) attributes of the land. Different rules and assessment criteria apply to each management zone. These reflect the nature of the area and consider the impact that a flood work may have on the movement of flood water, and risk to life and property.

For more information, please refer to Figure 3 and section 3 in the [Report to assist public exhibition](#). For a higher resolution version of the proposed management zones, see the [interactive spatial map](#).

<p>Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed management zones.</p> <p><i>(If relevant please attach a map to your submission.)</i></p>	
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Proposed rules and assessment criteria for management zone A and SP

Flood works in management zone A and SP will be restricted to specific types that are essential for the protection of life and property, or improvement of the floodplain. Each type of flood work permitted will be subject to size or height restrictions to minimise the impact on the passage of floodwater.

For more information, please refer to section 4.1.1 and Table 1 in the [Report to assist public exhibition](#).

<p>Please provide any comments you may have on the flood work types permitted within management zone A and SP and associated specifications.</p>	
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All flood works in management zone A and SP will be assessed using the standard assessment criteria. Enhancement flood works will also be assessed using the hydraulic assessment criteria.

For more information, please refer to section 4.1.1 and Table 2 in the [Report to assist public exhibition](#).

<p>Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed rules and assessment criteria for management zone A and SP.</p>	
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Additional types of flood works are permitted within management zone A and SP if they were constructed prior to the commencement of the draft floodplain management plan, subject to complying with the standard assessment criteria.

For more information, please refer to section 4.1.1.2 and Table 2 in the [Report to assist public exhibition](#).

<p>Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed rules and assessment criteria for existing unapproved works in management zone A and SP.</p>	
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Proposed rules and assessment criteria for management zone B

Any type of flood work will be permitted in management zone B, subject to assessment using the standard assessment criteria. Larger flood works in management zone B will require advertisement and assessment using the hydraulic assessment criteria.

There is no difference in the rules and assessment criteria for flood works constructed prior to or after the draft floodplain management plan commences.

For more information, please refer to section 4.1.2, 4.2 and Table 2 in the [Report to assist public exhibition](#).

Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed rules and assessment criteria for management zone B.	
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Proposed rules and assessment criteria for management zone C and CU

Any type of flood work will be permitted in management zone C and CU, subject to assessment using the standard assessment criteria. Flood works that may have a significant impact on high value infrastructure will require assessment using the hydraulic assessment criteria.

There is no difference in the rules and assessment criteria for flood works constructed prior to or after the draft floodplain management plan commences.

For more information, please refer to section 4.1.2, 4.2 and Table 2 in the [Report to assist public exhibition](#).

<p>Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed rules and assessment criteria for management zone C and CU.</p>	
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Proposed mandatory conditions

The draft floodplain management plan proposes three mandatory conditions that will apply to flood work approvals:

1. After a flood work is removed, the area it was located must be returned to the height of the natural surface of the ground.
2. Notice must be given to WaterNSW once a flood work is constructed.
3. Erosion must be prevented during the construction and use of a flood work.

For more information, please refer to section 5.3 in the [Report to assist public exhibition](#).

<p>Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed mandatory conditions. <i>(If relevant please attach a map to your submission.)</i></p>	
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Proposed amendment provisions

The draft floodplain management plan sets out the circumstances when the plan may be amended in the future. Of note, it proposes to amend the plan before 1 July 2028 to include rules and assessment criteria that consider the effects of climate change.

For more information, please refer to section 5.4 in the [Report to assist public exhibition](#).

<p>Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed amendment provisions.</p> <p><i>(If relevant please attach a map to your submission.)</i></p>	
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Additional information

<p>If you have any other comments on the draft floodplain management plan, please provide them here.</p> <p><i>(If relevant please attach a map to your submission.)</i></p>	
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If you would like to provide any additional information to help us understand your feedback, please attach this to your submission.

The following questions help us understand how effective our communication and engagement activities are in reaching our diverse community and stakeholders. This enables us to communicate more clearly and improve opportunities for everybody to have their say.

<p>How did you hear about this consultation? *</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Community group <input type="checkbox"/> Department’s website <input type="checkbox"/> Email or newsletter from the department <input type="checkbox"/> Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper advertisement <input type="checkbox"/> Social media <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
<p>Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? *</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say

Do you speak a language other than English at home? *	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please specify): <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say
Would you like to sign up to our monthly Water newsletter to stay informed and have your say about water planning, management and reform across NSW?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I've already subscribed

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.