

# Draft Murrumbidgee Valley Floodplain Management Plan – Stage 2 Public exhibition

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A new floodplain management plan under the *Water Management Act 2000* is being developed for the Murrumbidgee valley floodplain to replace the existing localised floodplain management plan developed under the *Water Act 1912*.

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## Purpose of the plan

Floodplain management plans set the rules for development of flood works, such as levees and banks, on floodplains in rural areas.

The Floodplain Management Plan for the Murrumbidgee Valley Floodplain (the draft FMP) will manage the development of flood works on the Murrumbidgee Valley Floodplain to:

- provide clarity for landholders about where flood works can be constructed on the floodplain
- standardise the approval process for new and amended flood works on the floodplain
- manage the passage of floodwaters through the floodplain to minimise the risk to property from the effects of flooding, and
- maintain flood connectivity to key ecological and cultural assets on the floodplain

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## What the plan means for you

All new flood works and amendments to existing flood works will require approval in line with the *Water Management Act 2000* and the draft FMP. The draft FMP includes management zones, rules and assessment criteria which together provide the framework for the granting and amending of flood work approvals. These include:

- the types of flood works that may be considered for approval in floodways (for example, access roads and supply channels)
- the specifications that will apply to some flood works (for example, height and size)
- standard assessment criteria and hydraulic assessment criteria that will be used in the assessment of flood work applications to manage the impacts of flood works
- areas of the floodplain where flood works require advertising as part of the approval process.

## How was the plan developed?

The draft FMP has been developed based on consideration of:

- hydraulic factors including the passage, flow and distribution of flood waters
- the identified Aboriginal cultural assets, heritage sites and ecological on the floodplain
- current floodplain management planning arrangements
- feedback received during Stage 1 public consultation as outlined in the [What we heard report](#) published on [our website](#).

## Who developed the plan?

The draft FMP has been developed by the department's Water Group with input from the Biodiversity Conservation and Science Group.

The key rules in the draft FMP have been reviewed by an Interagency Working Group consisting of representatives from the Department of Primary Industries (agricultural and fisheries interests), the Biodiversity Conservation and Science Group and the department's Aboriginal Water Program.

## Further information

A suite of information has been developed to assist you in understanding the draft FMP and is available on our [website](#).

Document name	Description
<a href="#">Draft Floodplain Management Plan for the Murrumbidgee Valley Floodplain (Legal Order)</a>	The legal document that includes all of the rules and requirements, in a statutory format.
<a href="#">Report to assist Stage 2 public exhibition</a>	Information to assist in understanding the draft FMP including a series of questions to guide feedback and information on how to make a submission.
<a href="#">Interactive spatial map</a>	An online, zoomable map illustrating the proposed floodplain boundary, floodway network, management zones and ecological assets that form part of the draft FMP
<a href="#">Submission form</a>	A template that you can use to provide your comments on the draft FMP during public exhibition. <b>Submissions close 11:59 pm Sunday 29 September 2024</b>

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## Background information

The NSW Government is continuing to reform the management of water on the floodplains of inland NSW. Rural floodplain management plans provide the framework for coordinating the development of flood works on a whole-of-valley basis. Work is now underway to transition the remaining *Water Act 1912* floodplain management plans in the Murrumbidgee, Murray, Billabong Creek and Lachlan valleys in the southern Murray–Darling Basin.