

# Wilcannia Weir Replacement

## Wilcannia community share ideas at weir information sessions

**Over three days, 119 community members came to the lunch time barbecues and evening session at the golf club, to provide feedback and learn more about the final location of the new Wilcannia weir and preparations to build the weir during 2020.**

The project team collaborated with Cyril Hunter and Barkindji Elders, community members and schools to organise the

community barbecues in the Mallee, Hood Street and the Mission. Great questions were asked and a lot of good ideas shared for the project team to consider going forward. Owen Whyman helped WaterNSW organise the days with help from Brendan Adams from Wilcannia River Radio and Wilcannia News to get the word out. Wilcannia Council provided the barbecue

trailer, Colin King and Merica Kerwin helped with the cooking, and Kerry King made Johnny Cakes for the barbecues.

WaterNSW would like to thank the community members and groups who came along to the sessions. The project team is looking forward to returning in early 2020 to talk about the next stage of the project.

## Answers to questions asked by the community:

**Q – Will there be jobs and employment opportunities during construction?**

A – WaterNSW is developing an action plan to allow for increased training and employment opportunities for the Wilcannia community during the construction of the new weir

**Q – Can you relocate some of the old weir rocks to the new recreation area?**

A – The design for the new weir recreation area will begin in early 2020, which will consider the recycling of existing weir elements into the new weir location.

**Q – Can you include benches, tables and drop toilets in the new recreation area?**

A – Yes this is all to be part of the new recreation area design considerations which the community can provide feedback on early next year.

**Q - Where is the new weir location?**

A - The new weir is 5km downstream of the existing weir, past Union Bend (see map).



Maps and talk during community sessions. Working with Wilcannia River Radio to get the word out.

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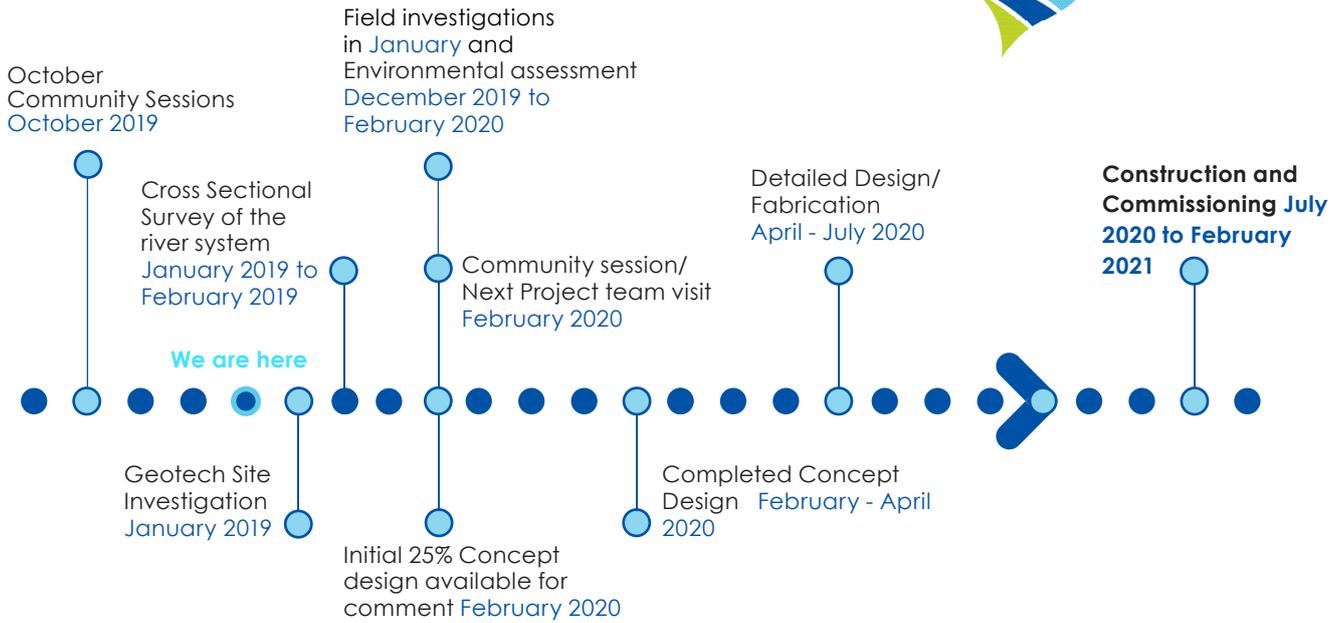


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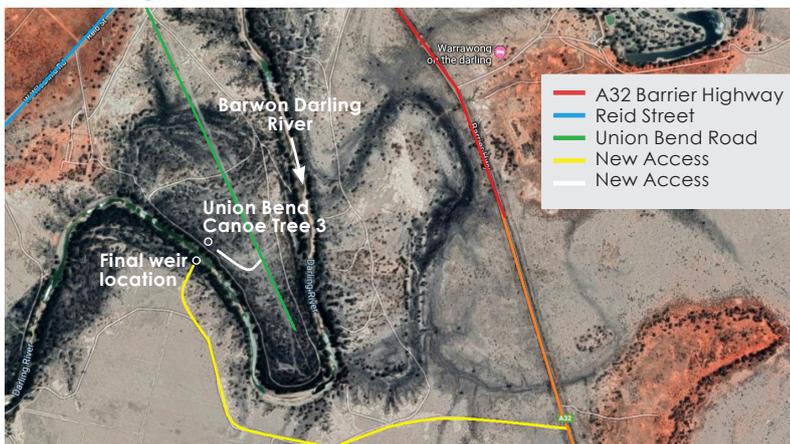


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# Timeline Snap Shot



## Proposed access roads for construction



## New Weir Site



### Site investigation coming up:

- New gauging station downstream of the weir is scheduled to be installed and operational by early February 2020.
- Geotechnical investigations are planned for early January.
- Cross Sectional Survey of the river system is scheduled to commence in January 2020.
- Environmental site inspections will commence mid-January 2020, with a report available in February 2020.

- Both the surveys and environmental assessment are to gather and provide the technical input for the weir designers.

### Next community sessions:

- In late February 2020 our project team will be back to share more information with the community
- Look out for flyers with times and locations for these sessions in early 2020.

### Planning work in progress:

- Construction access approval is well advanced with targeted completion for end of January 2020.
- The concept design for the weir – which is the initial first look at the weir and fishway design, will be ready by late February 2020, for presentation to the community.
- An opportunity for an artist to run arts workshops with the schools will be advertised in February.

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