

Working with private landholders



The goal of the Reconnecting River Country Program is to connect rivers to wetlands to improve health of Country in the Murrumbidgee and Murray valleys. The program seeks to achieve a balance of economic, social, cultural and environmental outcomes across the southern-connected Murray-Darling Basin.

The program focuses on relaxing or removing some of the constraints (i.e. policy, physical or operational barriers) that limit the delivery of water for the environment. Removing or relaxing constraints allows water for the environment to be periodically delivered at higher levels and at more appropriate times providing healthier river and wetland habitats for native vegetation, fish and other fauna.

We understand changes to flow management will affect private landholders, First Nations communities and other stakeholders in the region. We are committed to working with affected stakeholders using the best available science and flow option modelling to understand the benefits and impacts of these changes.

In this stage of the program, we are engaging with affected stakeholders to hear feedback on a range of tools and measures, developed to mitigate the impact of higher water for the environment flow options, being considered.

Stakeholder feedback will help inform the program's design, flow option selection and recommendations for program delivery.

What is the private landholder property engagement process?

The process involves one-to-one meetings with a program field officer. These meetings may be on a landholder's property, online or over the phone. This is an opportunity to share your views, knowledge and experience on what the program means for your property.

By participating you can help shape the development of program by:

- working with the program's field officers to identify appropriate mitigation measures, including works, for each flow option being considered
- providing feedback on the accuracy of the most recent flow option extent mapping for your property
- helping to improve and strengthen our engagement and communications with landholders and the community.

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I'm a landholder, how can I become involved?

All private NSW landholders owning property with river frontage to the Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers and their creek systems in the following reaches are invited to speak with a program field officer.

The program reaches:

- **Hume to Yarrawonga** (Murray River)
- **Yarrawonga to Wakool Junction** (Murray River)
- **Murrumbidgee River** (including Yanco Creek).

We appreciate your time is valuable and will arrange meeting times and locations suitable to you, to ensure efficient use of your time.

Register, if you are a private landholder, and would like to participate in the program by filling in the Landholder registration form on our website at: dpie.nsw.gov.au/reconnecting-river-country-program where you can find out more about the program.

Acknowledgement

The Department of Planning and Environment acknowledges we stand on Aboriginal land. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, and we show our respect for Elders past, present and emerging through thoughtful and collaborative approaches to our work, seeking to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to providing places in which Aboriginal people are included socially, culturally and economically.

Find out more

For more information about the program:

- visit dpie.nsw.gov.au/reconnecting-river-country-program
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