

# Reconnecting River Country

## Fact sheet - private landholder collaboration

### Collaboration with private landholders

The Reconnecting River Country Program is seeking input from a broad cross-section of private landholders and communities. This stage of the program will identify and evaluate flow and impact mitigation options for the delivery of the program. Scientific, technical and operational information is being developed to support options evaluation, which will also incorporate local knowledge and expertise via our collaboration with landholders and other stakeholders.

This program aims to achieve a balance of economic, social, cultural and environmental outcomes across southern NSW by reconnecting wetlands and floodplains with their rivers. To do this, we know we need to learn from the experiences of landholders.

The NSW Government has looked at the lessons learned from previous consultations and has designed a program focused on delivering local and regional benefits, while improving environmental outcomes for our rivers. It is focused on working collaboratively and extensively with the community to meet local needs and uses the best available science and inundation modelling.

The NSW Government understands changes to flow management are likely to result in benefits and impacts for private landholders and communities. Over the next 12 months, we will work with landholders to better understand their needs and challenges due to the program.

This will include extensive collaboration on inundation modelling, appropriate flow regimes and mitigation packages. Consultation will occur before any changes to existing rules, policies or infrastructure are considered.

### Who can participate?

Private landholders owning property next to the Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers and their creek systems are invited to take part in the following areas:

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

To ensure a balanced and informative engagement process, a representative group of landholders will be selected through an application process.

### What is the private landholder collaboration process?

The collaboration process will involve four meetings starting in November 2021. These meetings may be on a landholder's property, online or over the phone. Your involvement is an opportunity to share your views, knowledge and experience through conversations with staff from the Department of Regional NSW's Local Land Services.

By participating you can help shape the future of this important program by:

- helping to increase the accuracy of the most recent inundation maps for your property
- helping to identify appropriate impact mitigation measures including local infrastructure investment
- having the opportunity to hear more about flow options for your region and provide feedback on preferred flow ranges
- learning more about the potential for investment and flow-on benefits for your local community
- helping to improve and strengthen our stakeholder engagement and communications processes.

## How many landholders can participate?

Approximately 150 landholders will be selected to participate in this voluntary feedback phase. We appreciate your time is valuable and will arrange meeting times and locations suitable to you, to ensure the efficient use of your time.

A sampling plan and selection process has been developed to select participants to be representative across the:

- program area
- range of private land use types
- range of likely impacts and benefits.

## How and when to apply?

Please apply:

- online at [dpie.nsw.gov.au/reconnecting-river-country-program](https://dpie.nsw.gov.au/reconnecting-river-country-program)
- by calling **1300 795 299** and a staff member will assist you
- by filling out an application and returning it to:  
Reconnecting River Country Program  
PO Box 122 Narrandera NSW 2700
- by scanning and emailing the application form to [admin.rrc@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin.rrc@lls.nsw.gov.au)

## Acknowledgement

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and the Department of Regional NSW's Local Land Services acknowledge 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. We, seeking to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to providing places in which Aboriginal people are included socially, culturally and economically.

### Find out more

If you have any questions, please contact our team or refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

**Website** [dpie.nsw.gov.au/reconnecting-river-country-program](https://dpie.nsw.gov.au/reconnecting-river-country-program)

**Phone** 1300 795 299

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