



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Water to bring benefits for whole community

Planning is underway to deliver water to Mallee wetlands and floodplains across 61 sites, as set out in the Mallee Catchment Authority's (CMA) Seasonal Watering Plan for 2021-22.

This is supported by the Victorian Government's \$224 million investment in waterways and catchments over the next four years.

The proposed 2021-22 seasonal watering in the Mallee is targeting a wide area, including wetlands within Merbein Common, Ned's Corner, Nyah and Vinifera floodplains and the Wimmera Mallee Wetlands. The Living Murray Icon sites including Hattah Lakes, Lindsay, Wallpolla and Mulcra islands are also expected to benefit from the delivery of environmental water.

A full list of the proposed watering sites for 2021-22, interactive map and further information about the delivery of water for the environment is available on our website. We encourage the community to provide feedback about how the sites are enjoyed by the community, what the community value and suggestions for future improvements via our survey, found on our website.

Results from previous years' environmental watering program (2020-21) were very encouraging, with clear signs of wetland improvements across the region. With over 730 kilometres of Murray River frontage and more than 900 wetlands in the region, it is proposed that up to 61 wetlands on the river floodplain are to receive water during spring 2021 (depending on seasonal outlook and water availability), with the aim to have all spring water deliveries completed by the start of summer 2021.

For more information on the Seasonal Watering Proposal for 2021-22 and to provide feedback please visit our website [www.malleecma.com.au](http://www.malleecma.com.au) or contact the Mallee CMA via (03) 50514 377, or email [engage@malleecma.com.au](mailto:engage@malleecma.com.au).

Keep up to date with the latest information about the delivery of water for the environment and other important programs follow our social media.



**Quotes attributable to Mallee CMA CEO Jenny Collins:**

*The 2021-22 seasonal watering in the Mallee is targeting a broad area, including wetlands within Merbein Common, Ned's Corner, Nyah and Vinifera floodplains and the Wimmera Mallee Wetlands. The Living Murray Icon sites Hattah Lakes, Lindsay, Wallpolla and Mulcra islands are also benefiting from watering during this period.*

*It is important to maintain refuge areas and wetlands to keep priority areas of our environment alive for the benefit of the whole community.*

*By working with our community and stakeholders to inform Mallee CMA's natural resource management and planning we can ensure water for the environment is delivered with a wide range of benefits, including for the community.*

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**Background information:**

The Mallee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is a statutory authority established to ensure that natural resources in the region are managed in an integrated and ecologically sustainable way. Its work is based on science and delivered through meaningful partnerships with local organisations such as Landcare, community groups, and government agencies in the Victorian Mallee.

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