

Mallee CMA

Restoring flows to the Mallee floodplains



Restoring Flows to the Mallee Floodplain (RFMF) is a program of works to provide a reliable, cost-effective, and long-term means of delivering environmental water to 16 high-priority wetlands along the Murray River.

The RFMF will deliver works that are minor in nature, such as small culverts and earthen banks. Structures can be open or closed and do not need to be removed after watering events or during a flood. Temporary pumps will still be used to deliver water to the wetlands.

Most wetlands in this program have received water for the environment previously using temporary levees that needed to be removed after each event.

The RFMF program will install permanent, low-profile infrastructure at these sites.



small scale



replaces temporary works



low maintenance

16

small scale works at sites from Boundary Bend to the SA border

~ 1,500 ha

of priority floodplain and wetlands restored to more natural flows

91

animals of conservation significance to benefit

131

plant species of conservation significance to benefit

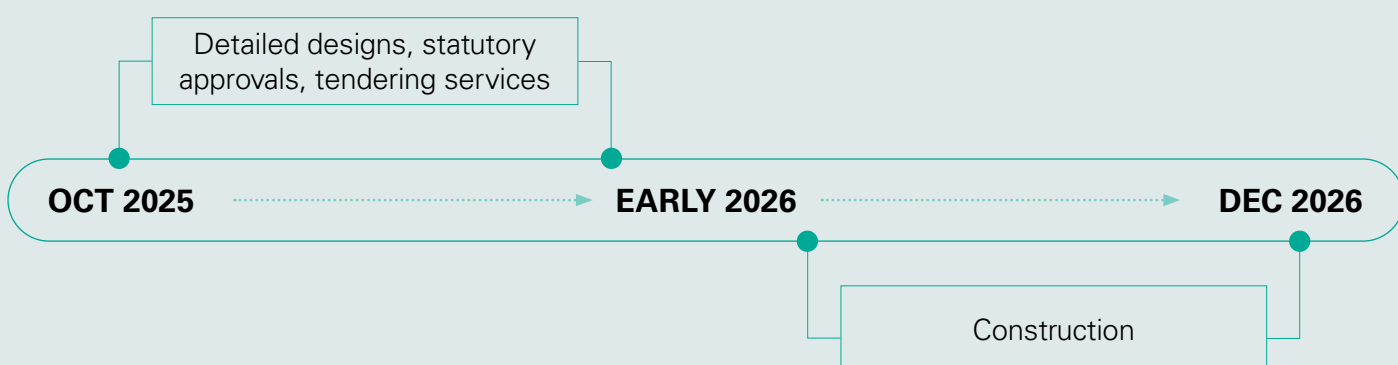


Key Points

- The RFMF will benefit floodplains, plants, animals and help preserve culturally significant artifacts and places.
- These outcomes are not able to be achieved without works. They cannot be achieved through river flows alone, including if river constraints were relaxed. The RFMF provides an enduring solution to ensure these cultural and ecological outcomes are achieved.
- The RFMF has been developed in close collaboration with Traditional Owners, key stakeholders and a broad range of technical experts.
- Of the 16 sites that are part of the RFMF, most are on public land managed by Parks Victoria. The remainder are on private land and supported by the landholders.
- The RFMF program is officially recognised as a Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) program under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

Timeline

(Indicative only)



The RFMF program is being implemented as part of Victoria's obligations under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan through funding from the Australian Government's Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

