

# Be involved in the future of Mallee waterways



## Mallee Waterway Strategy renewal 2026

Work is currently underway to update the Mallee Waterway Strategy, which is the planning document for how the region's rivers, creeks, lakes, wetlands and adjoining floodplains will be managed over the next 10 years.

The renewed strategy will be developed in partnership with Traditional Owners, community groups and government agencies to support coordinated efforts to maintain and improve the region's waterways.

The MWS is updated every 10 years. To date, the current renewal process has involved a review of the MWS 2015-2022 and the 2024 addendum. Subsequent steps will include the development of regional outcomes, clarifying waterway values and threats, confirming priority areas and developing management directions.

## What will the updated MWS focus on?

The renewed MWS will build on the region's achievements and have an increased emphasis on:

- respecting and acknowledging Aboriginal culture and recognising Aboriginal peoples' rights, obligations and role in caring for Country;
- incorporating Traditional Owner self-determined content, including outcomes, priorities and management directions;
- inclusion of social, recreational and economic values in planning;
- considering the impacts of climate change and climate adaptation.

## How will Traditional Owners and community members have input into the MWS renewal?

Partnering with Traditional Owners in the MWS renewal process is a vital element of developing the new strategy. Tailored engagement will be undertaken with Traditional Owner groups through Talk Water events and small group discussions as each group self-determines their level of involvement in the process.

Mallee CMA advisory committees and community groups will also be asked to have input regarding social, cultural and economic values of Mallee waterways in which they have a specific interest; while Mallee CMA will also be reaching out to the wider community at local markets, drop-in sessions, and via an

online survey to gather information on wetland values, uses and watering priorities.

There will also be a period of public exhibition during mid-2026 to provide an opportunity for direct feedback on the draft MWS.



### How can I be involved in the strategy renewal?

If you are involved in a community group that would like to have input into the MWS renewal, please email [info@malleecma.com.au](mailto:info@malleecma.com.au)

To provide your feedback on wetland and waterway values, keep an eye on Mallee CMA's social media to find out when we will be at community markets and/or holding drop-in sessions.

You can also take part in the online survey, which is available at [surveymonkey.com/r/67WMC2Q](https://surveymonkey.com/r/67WMC2Q)

### How can I learn more?

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