

# Upcoming consultation activities for all VMFRP projects

## Consultation Plan Addendum

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This is the addendum to the four consultation plans developed by the Victorian Murray Floodplain Restoration Project (VMFRP) to guide engagement during the environment assessment process.

The VMFRP will restore Murray River floodplains at ecologically significant sites across north-east Victoria. The sites are being assessed through either an Environment Effects Statement (EES) or an Environment Report (ER). Project sites have been divided into four zones for the assessment process:

Zone	PROJECT SITES	ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT
West	Lindsay Island and Wallpolla Island	Joint EES
Central (EES)	Hattah Lakes North and Belsar–Yungera	Joint EES
Central (ER)	Vinifera, Nyah and Burra Creek	Joint ER
East	Gunbower and Guttrum–Benwell	Joint ER

The four project zones have separate consultation plans reflecting the different engagement needs at each of these locations. This centralised addendum is designed to make it easier for the community to see project-level activities alongside site-specific activities.

The four consultation plans and this addendum are considered live documents that are subject to change and will be updated as needed during the project consultation process. The consultation plans for active ER East and EES West assessment packages have recently been updated and are available on both the VMFRP website and the VMFRP-specific Victorian Department of Transport and Planning webpages.

With the Central EES and Central ER packages already progressed through public exhibition phases and assessed, the focus of consultation efforts now settles on activities to support the active ER East and EES West assessment packages.

The addendum provides a schedule of the VMFRP's proposed engagement activities from March 2025 until the end of 2025. An updated addendum will supersede this document in early 2026 with detail focussed on the commencement of the Public Exhibition of ER East and EES West.

To find out more, visit [vmfrp.com.au/get-involved/](https://vmfrp.com.au/get-involved/)

## March – Dec 2025: Preparing the EES/ER

Proposed timing	Activity	Relevant site(s)	Stakeholder	Engagement purpose
Ongoing	Prepare to support the public exhibition of the EESs, ERs and draft Planning Scheme Amendments	All sites	All	
25 May	Cohuna Markets	East	Community	VMFRP will join CMA stall to discuss projects, tech studies and upcoming exhibitions
16 & 17 May	Mildura Field Days	All	Community	Presence as part of the LMW stall to maintain project awareness and discuss upcoming exhibitions
June	SWIFFT online seminar	All	Industry	Briefing to State Wide Industry Flora and Fauna Teams
June	Winter Floodplain Babbler newsletter	All sites	All	Provide an update on technical studies and project news
July	Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting	East	Stakeholders	Discuss projects, status of technical studies and timing of planned exhibition
July	Exhibition stall	All	Industry / Community	Presence at the MDBA's River Reflections conference 2025
TBC	Industry Presentation	All	Industry	TBC
September	Spring Floodplain Babbler newsletter	All sites	All	Provide an update on technical studies and project news
Nov	Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting	East	Stakeholders	Discuss projects, status of technical studies and timing of planned exhibition
Nov / Dec	Cohuna Markets	East	Community	VMFRP will join CMA stall to discuss projects and upcoming exhibitions
December	Summer Floodplain Babbler newsletter	All sites	All	Focus on ER East Exhibition process and opportunities for input

\*Pending availability of stakeholder groups and adverse weather impacts.

For more information about our planned engagement activities, please contact the VMFRP team at [info@vmfrp.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@vmfrp.vic.gov.au)

## Ongoing activities

Activity	Proposed timing	Relevant site(s)	Stakeholder	Engagement purpose
Website news and social media updates	Ongoing	All	Community and interested stakeholders	Increase community awareness of projects and opportunities to get involved with EES / ER / PSA process
Traditional Owner engagement	Ongoing	All	Traditional Owners	Direct face-to-face engagement to hear any concerns or suggestions, to better understand the broader landscape and objectives and how the project can support these, and to identify Traditional Owner preferences on how they would like to be involved in the project
Direct contact with key stakeholders and interest groups	Ongoing	All	Stakeholders and interest groups	To update stakeholders on the status of the project and the next steps
Static shopfront displays	Ongoing / as available	East & West	Community	Poster displays in shopfronts to maintain community awareness of VMFRP
Landowner engagement (Kitchen table meetings)	Ongoing	All	Directly affected landowners	Project updates, landholder agreements, direct briefings, get feedback on projects
Irrigators (Shed meetings)	Ongoing	West	Horticulture industry groups	Update on VMFRP, Basin Plan implementation and EES process for West
Technical Reference Group (TRG) meetings	Ongoing	All	TRG representatives	Discuss projects and get feedback from key stakeholders
Fieldwork	Ongoing	Various	Landholders	Gather technical information