

# Upcoming consultation activities for all VMFRP projects

## Consultation Plan Addendum – Last updated 27 January 2022 (revision 4.0)

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

The addendum provides a schedule of our proposed engagement activities across all nine VMFRP sites from January to March 2022.

The VMFRP will restore Murray River floodplains at nine ecologically significant sites across north-east Victoria. The nine 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 these locations, but one addendum 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 as live documents that are subject to change and will be updated as needed during the project consultation process.

**Activities are subject to change based on COVID-19 restrictions and weather.**

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

## January 2022: Preparing the EES/ER

Activity	Proposed timing	Relevant site(s)	Stakeholder	Engagement purpose
Sunraysia Farmers Market	15 Jan	West and central sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES. Get community feedback
110 Ski Race at Apex Park, Mildura	22-23 Jan	West and central sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES. Get community feedback
Recreation photo comp concludes	31 Jan	All sites	All	Broad project awareness and celebration of floodplains

\*Pending public health orders and weather

## February 2022: Preparing the EES/ER

Activity	Proposed timing	Relevant site(s)	Stakeholder	Engagement purpose
Launch of VMFRP Project Portal	1 February	All	Community and interested stakeholders	An interactive digital tool for self-directed exploration of the proposed project.
Swan Hill farmers market* w/ Tech specialists	6 February	East and Central sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES including known topics of interest. Get community feedback
Wood Wood Store	11 February	Central sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES including known topics of interest. Get community feedback
Nyah Fishing Competition	12-13 February	Central sites	Local Community / Fish enthusiasts	Discuss VMFRP & EES including fish matters. Get community feedback
Hattah Store Visit	21 February	All	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES. Get community feedback
Fish Forum Presentation	24 February	All	Fish enthusiasts	Discuss VMFRP & EES including known topics of interest. Get community feedback
Cohuna Farmers Market	27 February	Eastern sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES including known topics of interest. Get community feedback
Robinvale Rotary	TBC Late February	Central sites	Community Interest Groups	Discuss VMFRP & EES including known topics of interest. Get community feedback

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## March 2022: Preparing the EES/ER

Activity	Proposed timing	Relevant site(s)	Stakeholder	Engagement purpose
Launch VMFRP EES/ER site explainer video series	4 March	All	Community and interested stakeholders	Animated videos as a visual aid to explaining the project
Red cliffs Market	6 March	Central and Western Sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES including known topics of interest. Get community feedback
Werrimul Hotel	TBC early March	Western Sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES including known topics of interest. Get community feedback
Newsletter Floodplain Babblor #4	11 March	All sites	All	Share project news

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Robinvale Farmers Market	11 March	All	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES. Get community feedback
Nangiloc Stress Less Fishing Classic	12-14 March	All	Local Community / Fish enthusiasts	Discuss VMFRP & EES including fish matters. Get community feedback

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## April: Consultation break

A brief pause is planned in April across Easter, School Holidays and Anzac Day.

## 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 process.
Traditional Owner engagement	Ongoing	All	Traditional Owners	Direct face-to-face engagement to hear any concerns or suggestions, to better understand their 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
Landowner engagement	Ongoing	All	Directly affected landowners	Project updates, landholder agreements, direct briefings, get feedback on projects.
Targeted briefing sessions	Ongoing	All	All interested stakeholders	Milestone briefings to inform and brief key stakeholder groups and decision makers
TRG meetings	Ongoing	All sites	TRG representatives	Discuss projects and get feedback from key stakeholders.
Fieldwork	Ongoing	Various	Landholders	Gather technical information.