

Sustainable Diversion Limits (SDL) adjustment projects

Wallpolla Island

On completion, the SDL project at Wallpolla Island has the potential to support the watering of 2500 hectares of a floodplain that is nationally significant for its cultural and environmental values.

Overview

The Living Murray Icon Site west of Mildura

2500 hectares of potential inundation

Securing environmental outcomes using less water

Located 38km west of Mildura, Wallpolla Island is part of the Chowlla Floodplain-Lindsay- Wallpolla Icon site under The Living Murray. A popular place for recreation, including camping, fishing, photography and birdwatching, the site has great cultural significance and since 1991, has been part of the Murray- Sunset National Park.

Proposed Infrastructure

The proposed works include four major regulators, 20 smaller containment regulators and 3.4 km of levees and have been designed to complement weir pool manipulation activities at Locks Eight and Nine. In total, this project will allow the watering of 2500 hectares, supporting important plant and animal species.

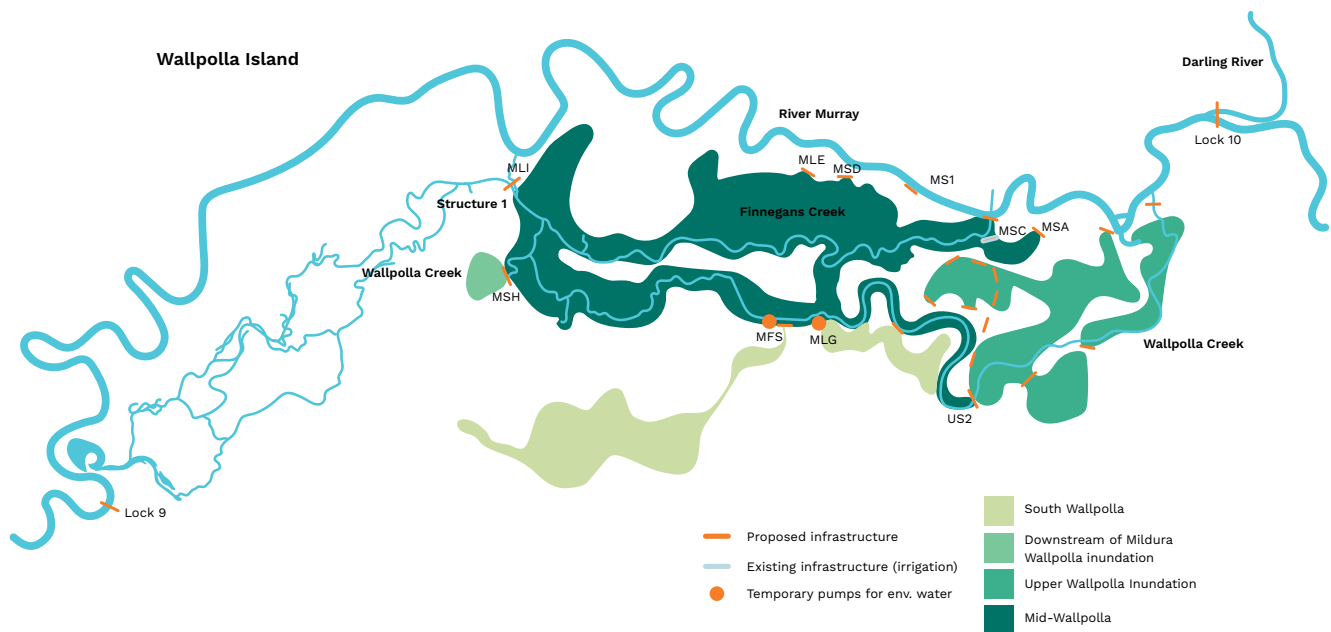
Benefits

It will support the connections between the floodplain, wetlands and the river which will in turn support the native species and habitats in the Wallpolla ecosystem. The project will encourage populations of frogs, waterbirds and small fish by enhancing connections between the river, creeks and wetlands, providing reliable breeding grounds for waterbirds, improving the health of red gum and black box trees and by protecting and restoring the floodplain to maintain animal populations.



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The proposed project at Wallpolla Island complements works already undertaken, funded through The Living Murray and completed between 2013 and 2015 to deliver environmental outcomes as set under the Basin Plan, using less water, meaning more is left in the system for consumptive use.

Current Status

In early 2019 the VMFRP secured funding from the Commonwealth government to progress engagement with communities and the development of detailed designs and approvals. The project will deliver this work over the next two years in order to secure funding for construction of the works before 2024.

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