

# Upcoming consultation activities for all VMFRP projects

## Consultation Plan Addendum – Last updated 1 September 2021 (revision 2.0)

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 more detailed monthly schedule of our proposed engagement activities across all nine VMFRP sites from September to November 2021.

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.**

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Month & EES/ER stage	Activity	Proposed timing	Relevant site(s)	Stakeholder	Engagement purpose
September (Preparing the EES/ER)	Digital campaign to share technical study updates	Ongoing	All sites	Local community via website and social media	Give insights into EES technical study program. Get community feedback.
	Pop-up shop Mildura (static window display during COVID-restrictions)	Ongoing	All sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES. Get community feedback
	Floodplain animals colouring-in collab competition	All of Sept	All sites	Local community	Increase awareness of VMFRP and floodplain animals



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	Site visit	16 Sept	Belsar-Yungera	Community reference group – central	See planned work, project & EES update. Get community feedback.
	One-on-one landholder briefings	Ongoing	Belsar-Yungera	Directly affected landholders	Share project update and technical studies, discuss landholder agreements, get landholder feedback
	e-news update	Late Sept	All	All registered subscribers	Update to keep people informed about project activities
	Webinar on Basin Plan and VMFRP	TBC (Sept/Oct)	All sites	Community groups, interested stakeholders	Addressing community questions on Basin Plan and VMFRP, get community feedback
	Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting	TBC	Gunbower	Local SAG community members	Update members on projects, EES process and get feedback on engagement approach
	Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting	TBC	Guttrum-Benwell	Local SAG community members	As above
	Community Reference Group meeting	TBC	West and Central	Community Reference Groups	Wrap up of events and feedback, and reporting approach
	Fieldwork	Ongoing	Various	Landholders	Gather technical information.
	TRG meetings	Ongoing	All sites	TRG representatives	Discuss projects and get feedback from key stakeholders.
October (Preparing the EES/ER)	Digital campaign to share technical study updates	Ongoing	All sites	Local community via website and social media	Give insights into EES technical study program
	Pop-up shop Mildura (static window display during COVID-restrictions)	Ongoing	All sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES. Get community feedback
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	Stall at the Swan Hill Ag Show (COVID TBC)	1–2 Oct	All	Local community	Introduce VMFRP, EES process and technical studies. Discuss projects & capture issues raised
	Red Cliffs Centenary Celebrations (COVID TBC)	29-31 Oct	All sites	Local community group	
	Series of public information sessions on technical studies	TBC	West and central sites	Interested stakeholders and community members	Provide info on technical studies and get community feedback
	Fieldwork	Ongoing	Various	Landholders	Gather technical information.
	TRG meetings	Ongoing	All sites	TRG representatives	Discuss projects and get feedback from key stakeholders.
November	Pop-up shop Mildura (static window display during COVID-restrictions)	Ongoing	All sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES. Get community feedback
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<b>Ongoing activities</b>					
Ongoing	Website news and social media updates	Ongoing	All	Community and interested stakeholders	Increase community awareness of projects and



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					opportunities to get involved with EES process.
Ongoing	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
Ongoing	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
Ongoing	Landowner engagement	Ongoing	All	Directly affected landowners	Project updates, landholder agreements, direct briefings, get feedback on projects.
Ongoing	Targeted briefing sessions	Ongoing	All	All interested stakeholders	Milestone briefings to inform and brief key stakeholder groups and decision makers