

PROJECT UPDATE

Spring 2024



VICTORIAN MURRAY FLOODPLAIN
RESTORATION PROJECT
HEALTHY LANDSCAPES, STRONG COMMUNITIES

VMFRP Update

The Victorian Murray Floodplain Restoration Project (VMFRP) is a large-scale environmental initiative that would revive more than 13,000 hectares of high-value wetlands and flood-dependent forests by installing discrete infrastructure to restore seasonally appropriate environmental flows onto the floodplains.

The project's efforts to restore and protect key Northern Victorian floodplains have been boosted with the recently renewed funding agreement between the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments.

The renewed funding provides the resources for VMFRP and partners, to continue our work garnering critical inputs from technical specialists, Traditional Owners and communities.

Furthering local relationships will build upon extensive on-Country engagement to date, including the many hundreds of hours over several years, contributing to a greater understanding of the cultural and environmental values of the landscape this project is aiming to protect.

Funded Scope

The renewed funding agreement allows the VMFRP to complete the planning approvals for each of the project sites, but does not extend to construction activities.

VMFRP currently funded priorities:

- Continue monitoring and data collection, and finalise environmental assessment processes
- Progression of Early Contractor Involvement process including associated investigations
- Engagement with project stakeholders and communities to deepen understanding
- Contribution to construction Business Case development



Site Summaries

Gunbower National Park Guttrum Benwell Forests

The funding agreement between the Australian and Victorian Governments means the VMFRP Team can now finalise the Environment Report and progress this project to Public Exhibition and Minister's Assessment. Engagement with Traditional Owner groups is ongoing.

Vinifera Nyah

The Minister for Planning's (Vic) assessment of Vinifera and Nyah was received November 2023. The project team is addressing the Minister's recommendations, awaiting gazettal of the Planning Scheme Amendment, and pursuing approvals required under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

Belsar-Yungera Hattah Lakes North

The Minister for Planning's (Vic) assessment of EES Central was received October 2023. The project team is addressing the Minister's recommendations and awaiting gazettal of the Planning Scheme Amendment. The projects have been approved with conditions under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

Lindsay Island Wallpolla Island

The funding agreement between the Australian and Victorian Governments means the VMFRP Team can now finalise the Environment Effects Statement and progress this project to Public Exhibition and Minister's Assessment. Engagement with Traditional Owner groups is ongoing.

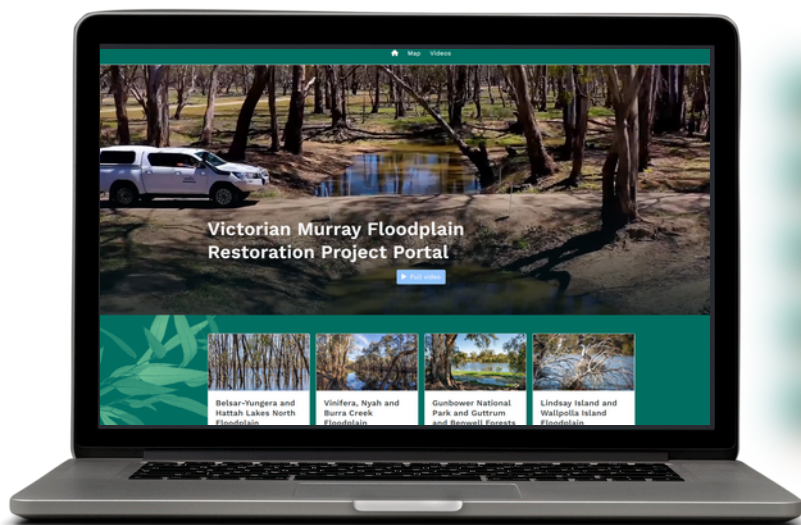
Burra Creek





The Minister for Planning's (Vic) assessment of Burra Creek was received in January 2024. In keeping with the Ministers assessment, the Burra Creek project will not proceed as part of VMFRP in its current form.

Explore VMFRP via the Environmental Assessment Portal

Been a while since you've explored VMFRP? Bit rusty on what's being proposed? Keen to see the detail on the environmental assessments completed to date?

Visit the VMFRP Portal at www.vmfrp.com/au and click the **"Environmental Assessment (EES/ER) Portal"** tab on the right to enter the portal. There you will find:



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