



# West Gippsland Floodplain Management Strategy

In April 2016 the State Government released the Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy. This document requires all catchment management authorities to prepare regional strategies in partnership with local government, emergency services and their local communities.

We are preparing the West Gippsland Floodplain Management Strategy to help the community better understand flood behaviour, so that communities better understand their flood risk and can take the necessary actions to minimise the risk to themselves and their property.

The strategy will help coordinate all agencies and communities to minimise flood risks. It includes a three year work plan with actions included where the responsible authority agrees to implement them. Through this process everyone will gain a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of each agency and flood risk across the region.

The final strategy will

- help agencies with flood emergency management functions to align their priorities
- provide a single, regional planning document for floodplain management and a high level regional work program to guide future investment priorities
- align the efforts of various agencies and communities to deliver the outcomes called for by the Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy
- assess flood risk across the region against the regional community's tolerance for flood risks
- explore a range of mitigation measures for the identified risks
- prioritise the actions necessary to put preferred mitigation measures in place
- consult with partner agencies to ensure currency and accuracy of information and alignment of priorities
- consult with relevant communities to use local knowledge and empower communities

## Timeline

**September 2016** - Identify regional risks with input from local government, SES, other agencies and community.

**November/December 2016** - Determine appropriate risk mitigation options with feedback from local government, SES, other agencies and community.

**February 2017** - Briefings to local government detailing risk and mitigation options

**May/June 2017** - Draft Regional Strategy released for public comment

**October 2017** - Regional Strategy sent to DELWP for final comment

**December 2017** - Final Regional Strategy released to the public



## How this strategy complements others

The West Gippsland Floodplain Management Strategy links to other documents and portfolios in the following way.

	Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water		Minister for Planning	Minister for Emergency Services	Minister for Local Government	
STATE	Victorian Coastal Council	DELWP	DELWP	DELWP		VICSES
	Coastal Strategy	Victorian Waterway Management Strategy	Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy	Policy and Victoria Planning Provisions (State Policy Planning Framework)		State Flood Emergency Plan
REGIONAL	Coastal Boards	CMA's	CMA's & DELWP	Regional Growth Plans		Regional Flood Emergency Plans
	Regional Coastal Plans	Regional Waterway Strategies	Regional Floodplain Management Strategies	Regional Growth Plans		Regional Flood Emergency Plans
LOCAL	Local Councils	CMA's	CMA's and/or local councils	Local Councils		Local Councils
	Coastal Management Plans	Works on Waterways permits	Local flood studies	Local Planning Policy Framework and local planning scheme controls	Municipal Emergency Management Plans	

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## Consultation and input

You can provide input and give feedback by

- Visiting [www.wgcma.vic.gov.au](http://www.wgcma.vic.gov.au)
- Put information on the online mapping tool available at <http://arcg.is/2bOQj33>
- Join the conversation on Facebook; search for West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
- Email us at [westgippy@wgcm.vic.gov.au](mailto:westgippy@wgcm.vic.gov.au)
- Call 1300 094 262

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