



Help shape our region's Water Plan

GWMWater is encouraging community members to get involved in the development of a new Victorian Government water management strategy.

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) is seeking expressions of interest from people with an interest in water supply and water quality to participate in working groups for the new Western Region Sustainable Water Strategy.

Covering the western third of Victoria, the Strategy is being developed as drought and dry conditions continue to affect much of the region.

It will set the long-term direction for how water is used across western Victoria, helping communities, industries and the environment adapt to a drier future.

GWMWater Managing Director Mark Williams said the Strategy provided an important opportunity for people from the Wimmera, Mallee and Grampians regions to have their voices heard.

"Many people in our region are passionate about water, and we want their views and experiences reflected in future planning," Mr Williams said.

"It's important we have strong representation from our communities involved in shaping this Strategy."

To help achieve this DEECA will provide an overview of the Strategy at GWMWater's Customer and Stakeholder Workshop on Friday 24 April 2026, which starts at 9.30 am. If you would like to attend, either online or in person at the Horsham Golf Club, please register your interest by emailing allcomms@gwmwater.org.au

The Strategy will cover Ararat, Edenhope, Horsham, Ouyen and Stawell in the GWMWater region, and the towns and cities of Avoca, Colac, Hamilton, Port Campbell, Portland and Warrnambool.

Working groups are expected to meet four to six times through to the end of 2027. Meetings will be held in a hybrid format, with options to attend either in person or online.

Expressions of interest to participate in the working groups close on 16 March 2026.

To learn more about the Strategy and how to get involved, including the expression of interest process, email SWS.Team@deeca.vic.gov.au, visit water.vic.gov.au, or contact DEECA's Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

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