

Riverina-Murray Waterfront Management Strategy

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Planning for the Riverina-Murray

The NSW Government has released the draft Riverina-Murray Regional Plan (draft Plan) to guide sustainable growth in the region over the next 20 years.

It outlines a vision to grow and diversify the economy over the next 20 years by creating more jobs; strengthening the region's cities, towns and villages; and sustainably managing its agricultural, mining and natural resources.

You can have a say on the draft Plan which is now on exhibition.

What does the draft Plan say about waterfront management and the Murray River?

The draft Plan identifies the settlement pressures and competing land uses and interests along the Murray River. It recognises that as a nationally significant waterway, the Murray River warrants special attention, particularly as competition between agriculture, industry, environmental flows, residential and recreational uses increase.

What does the draft Plan propose to do about waterfront management along the Murray River?

The draft Plan proposes that the NSW Government and councils work together to develop and implement a Waterfront Management Strategy for the Murray River that will conserve the health of the river for future generations.

The strategy will adopt a whole-of-government approach and will consider aspects such as:

- the complex relationship between competing land uses;
- various policies and legislative requirements;
- areas with projected growth pressures;
- heritage protection; and
- the impact of climate change.

The strategy will help to guide future waterfront development and management of the Murray River.

How will the NSW Government implement this strategy?

The strategy will provide updated and consistent strategic direction and policy outcomes for the Murray River which will be reflected in local planning and decision-making. It will also guide the proposed review of the Murray Regional Environmental Plan No. 2 – Riverine Land.

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How will the final Regional Plan be implemented?

A Coordination and Monitoring Committee will be established to oversee the implementation of the final Riverina-Murray Regional Plan, comprising State agencies and councils.

Further information

To find out more about what is in the draft Plan and to make a comment visit:
www.planning.nsw.gov.au/riverinamurray