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Loddon Plains Groundwater Management Area Local Management Plan

Have your say on the development of a new plan

How is groundwater managed?

Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) is responsible for managing groundwater in its region.

Licensing ensures fair sharing of available resources and protection of the environment and the rights of other users.

Background

GMW intends to develop a new Loddon Plains Groundwater Management Area Local Management Plan, which would replace the *Mid Loddon Local Management Rules 2009*.

It is proposed that the new plan will cover the management of all groundwater over an extended boundary from that of the Loddon Highlands Management Plan in the south to the Murray River.

The existing Mid Loddon Groundwater Management Area will be slightly altered to incorporate sections of the aquifers that were not included by the previous boundary and will be retained as a zoned area within the larger Plan area.

What consultation will GMW undertake?

We're asking license holders to give their input regarding the operation of the existing plan, to determine opportunities for improvement in creating a new plan.

A committee will also be formed to develop the new plan.

What are the benefits of the new plan?

GMW expects a number of benefits from the proposed changes, including improved consideration of the impacts of development outside of the existing boundary and better communication about expectations relating to the use of saline groundwater and contemporary government policy, including the

interests of traditional owners.

Have your say

GMW is seeking your feedback on how well you believe the current plan has operated, and is open to suggestions for improvement.

We have written to landholders with a survey and a reply paid envelope, for those who prefer to fill out a paper copy.

If you would prefer to fill out a survey online, scan the below QR code to be taken to the

yoursay.gmwater.com.au website, where you will find the questionnaire.



More information

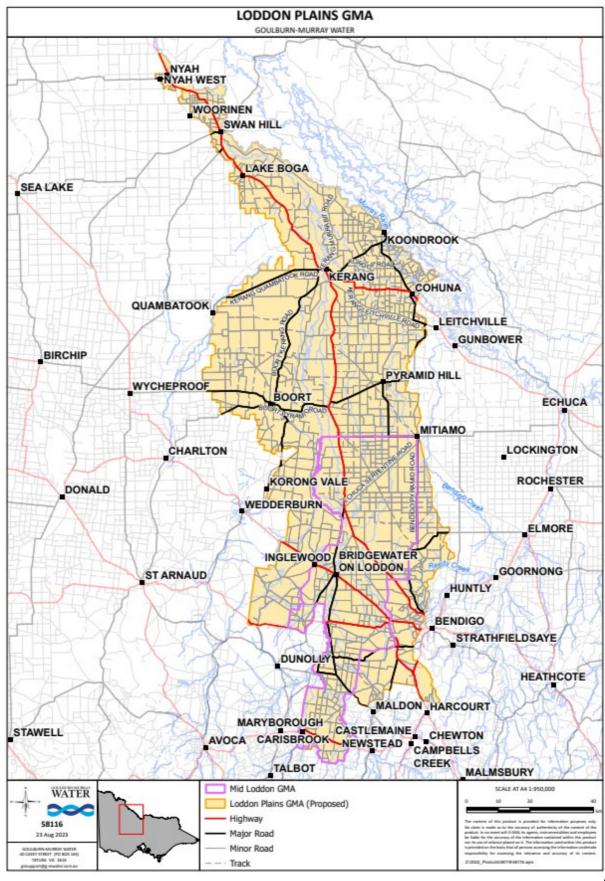
If you have any questions about the Plan or the review process, please contact GMW Senior Groundwater and Streams Project Officer Suzanne Hayes on 1800 013 357.

Further information and supporting documents will also be uploaded to the above website on a regular basis.

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