

# Loch Garry Flood Protection District Future Service Strategy

## Engaging a community reference group for the best outcome

### Background

Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) is undertaking a broad ranging review of the desired asset and service future state of the Loch Garry flood regulator, located in Bunbartha.

The structure provides flood protection for downstream landowners in the Bunbartha/Deep Creek area from minor to moderate flooding.

### Aim of the Future Service Strategy

With the ageing asset challenges and the risk of more frequent and intense events into the future (along with the substantial costs that would be associated with a complete asset upgrade), GMW is committing to undertake a broad ranging review of Loch Garry.

The Future Service Strategy will include:

- A flood study developed in conjunction with Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA).
- Infrastructure and service options available for the future of the Loch and how GMW would manage this at a strategic and operational level.
- Impacts of climate change and increased flood protection upstream of the Loch.
- Current price structure and testing the sustainability of any proposed price modelling into the future.
- Broader benefit of the Loch to other communities and how the costs and benefits can be recognised and shared with the broader beneficiaries.
- Consultation with customers and stakeholders, via a Community Reference Group, and broader engagement about what a sustainable model may look like, the financial impacts and options around the future of the Loch.

### Purpose of the Community Reference Group

The Loch Garry Future Service Strategy Community

Reference Group will be a non-statutory advisory committee.

Its function will be to consider and discuss local perspective on opportunities for the future service state of Loch Garry.

### How the Community Reference Group will work

The Community Reference Group will provide its recommendations and advice through a series of structured discussions.

These recommendations will be considered as appropriate for the development of the Future Service Strategy.

Members will be expected to draw on their local knowledge and experience, and fairly and accurately reflect the views of their community and the relevant stakeholders.

The Community Reference Group will be headed by an independent facilitator who will facilitate the proceedings and meetings in an impartial and professional manner.

Apply for the Community Reference Group

Expressions of Interest for the Loch Garry Future Service Strategy Community Reference Group will open on Monday 30 October 2023 and close on Monday 20 November 2023.

If you are interested, fill out the online form located at **[yoursay.gmwater.com.au/loch-garry-FSS](https://yoursay.gmwater.com.au/loch-garry-FSS)**

If you would prefer to fill out a hard copy form, please phone us on 1800 013 357.

### More information

If you would like more information on the Loch Garry Future Service Strategy, you can:

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