

Loch Garry Flood Protection District Future Service Strategy

Managing the Loch Garry flood regulator into the future

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

Background

The Loch Garry flood regulator is a structure that provides flood protection for downstream landowners in the Bunbartha/Deep Creek area from minor to moderate flooding.

Built in 1925 at Bunbartha, the regulator is a 48 bay structure which contains 506 drop bars that can be removed or replaced during operation. There is also 9km of levee that forms part of the Loch Garry Flood Protection District.

The magnitude of the October 2022 floods identified several opportunities to enhance the operating rules of the Loch Garry flood infrastructure.

With assistance from the Loch Garry Reference Committee, made up of customers, community members and stakeholders, revised operating rules for the Loch Garry flood regulator were approved in August 2023.

The revised operating rules lay out the management of the flood regulator under different flood events and river levels, and the points at which Loch Garry Flood Protection customers will be notified.

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.

How we'll consult with you

An important step in the Loch Garry Future Service Strategy will be the creation of a Community Reference Group, made up of customers, community members and stakeholders with local knowledge and experience.

There will also be a number of opportunities for people to give their feedback and share their knowledge during the creation of the strategy.

This will take place through forums, drop-in sessions, surveys and other engagement opportunities.

Our webpage at yoursay.gmwater.com.au will also be updated on a regular basis throughout the process.

We look forward to working with our customers and the community to determine the best outcome for Loch Garry into the future.

More information

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

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