

# FACTSHEET-CORANGAMITE REGIONAL FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

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## What is the Corangamite Regional Floodplain Management Strategy?

The Corangamite Regional Floodplain Management Strategy (the regional strategy) will provide a single, regional planning document for floodplain management and a high level regional work program to guide future investment priorities for the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CMA) region. It will provide the starting point for councils and other stakeholders to identify priority flood management activities, which may include flood warning systems and flood emergency response to local needs, improving flood overlays in land use planning schemes, and dealing with riverine, coastal and urban storm water flooding issues. It aims to align the efforts of various agencies and communities to deliver the outcomes called for by the Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy.

The development of the regional strategy will ensure the following key outcomes:

- That roles and responsibilities for floodplain management are clear and that stakeholders and communities are aware of their flood risks and actively managing them appropriately,
- That all agencies with flood emergency management functions have aligned priorities. This will enable agencies to align their potential to source and allocate funds towards priority actions
- That communities are empowered by being aware of their flood risks
- That local knowledge has informed the development of the strategy.

The regional strategy is a high level strategic document. The strategy will not develop individual or localised projects (e.g. flood studies, planning scheme amendments, structural works e.g. levees etc.). These will form actions out of the strategy. Rural drainage issues will also not be included in the regional works program, and are out of the scope of the regional strategy.



Thompsons Creek in flood, September 2016



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## How can the community input into the strategy?

The Corangamite CMA is seeking community involvement to understand local flood risks, the community's perceptions of flood risks and important community assets at risk of flooding. This information will inform the development of the regional strategy. The Corangamite CMA is also seeking community input into the identification of important community infrastructure at risk of flooding, and the community's level of tolerance to flood risks.

This information will inform the prioritisation process for flood risks at the regional level, appropriate service levels for identified flood risks, and regional works programs, which are to be determined by the Corangamite CMA, nine local governments and Victorian State Emergency Service (VicSES).

It is important to note that all information provided will be used in combination with a range of other information sources and will not be seen as the 'single source of truth' regarding a local flood issue. The regional strategy is not a property scale document; the regional strategy is interested in community identified assets at risk of flooding and the identification of local flood risks at a regional scale.

## The expected engagement timeline for the development of the Corangamite Regional Floodplain Management Strategy

Engagement event	Expected date
Community attitudes online survey	November/December 2016
Face to face workshops	April/May 2017
Data capture through online portal	April 2017
Public exhibition of draft strategy	October – November 2017
Final Strategy released	Early 2018

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