

Submission form for the draft Billabong Creek Floodplain Management Plan: Stage 1 public consultation

How to fill out this form

The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is seeking your comments on key elements that will be used to prepare the draft Floodplain Management Plan for the Billabong Creek Floodplain.

We are seeking feedback through a public submission process from Tuesday 8 October to Monday 18 November 2024. The publication *Draft Billabong Creek Floodplain Management Plan – Report to assist Stage 1 public consultation* provides information that can assist with completing this submission form. This report is available on the department’s website at:

water.nsw.gov.au/billabong-creek

To provide feedback on the maps shown in Figures 1, 2 and 5 in the report and on the [interactive spatial map](#), we recommend you:

1. take a screenshot of the relevant area/s displayed on the interactive spatial map
2. include information about the location on the map, such as an address
3. use a drawing tool to illustrate feedback or refer to the area shown in written feedback
4. save the screenshot of the map as an image file and attach it to your submission.

Mandatory questions are indicated with an asterisk (*)

How to submit your feedback

Have your say by 11.59 pm, Monday 18 November 2024.

Save or print the completed submission form and send it via:

Email: floodplain.planning@dpie.nsw.gov.au OR

Post: Billabong Creek FMP

Water Group - NSW DCCEEW

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Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Information on privacy and confidentiality

All submissions, including maps, received by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water will be reviewed and published. The department values your input and accepts that information you provide may be private and personal.

When publishing submissions, including maps, the department will make every effort to redact personal and identifying information (your name will be published if you provide us with permission to do so).

If you want your name to be treated as confidential, please indicate this by ticking the relevant box below.

Your information will be handled by the department in accordance with the [Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998](#). Any personal information you provide in completing this form will only be used to inform the development of the Billabong Creek Floodplain Management Plan. We will not use or disclose the information for any other purpose, unless required or authorised to do so.

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If you wish to view or amend the information held by us, you can email us at floodplain.planning@dpie.nsw.gov.au, or contact the department's Information Access and Privacy Unit on 02 9860 1440 or at privacy.dcceew@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Do you give permission for your name to be published with your submission? *

Yes

No

If you are answering on behalf of an organisation, do you give permission for your organisation's name to be published? *

Yes

No

Not applicable

Your details

1. Given name *	Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Family name *	Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Email address *	Click or tap here to enter text.
4. Address	Click or tap here to enter text.
5. Phone number	Click or tap here to enter text.
6. Are you making this submission as an individual or as a representative of an organisation? (Mark only one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (skip to question 9) <input type="checkbox"/> Organisation
7. Name of organisation	Click or tap here to enter text.
8. Who do you represent? *	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Peak representative organisation <input type="checkbox"/> First Nations organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation industry <input type="checkbox"/> Mining industry <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): Click or tap here to enter text.
9. Have you read the Draft Billabong Creek Floodplain Management Plan – Report to assist Stage 1 public consultation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10. Did/will you attend any of the following in relation to the Billabong Creek Floodplain Management Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> An individual appointment <input type="checkbox"/> A phone call with departmental staff <input type="checkbox"/> A group meeting with departmental staff <input type="checkbox"/> None of these

The following sections relate to the feedback we are seeking on key elements for development of the floodplain management plan as described in the [Report to assist Stage 1 public consultation](#).

Follow the steps on page 1 to provide feedback on the maps shown in Figures 1, 2 and 5.

Proposed floodplain boundary

Figure 1 in the [Report to assist Stage 1 public consultation](#) shows the proposed floodplain boundary.

For a higher resolution version of the proposed floodplain boundary, see [Stage 1 Interactive Spatial Map](#).

<p>Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed floodplain boundary.</p> <p><i>(If relevant please attach a map to your submission.)</i></p>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
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Proposed design floods

The following design floods were used to model the floodway network:

- large design flood of October to December 2022: 5% AEP at the Billabong Creek at Jerilderie gauge (410016).
- large design flood of October 2010: 3.3% AEP at the Billabong Creek at Walbundrie gauge (410091). This flood was selected as an additional large design flood for the upper Billabong Creek area, upstream of Jerilderie.
- small design flood of October to November 2010: 26% AEP at the Billabong Creek at Conargo (Puckawidgee) gauge (410017). This flood was selected as a small design flood for the lower Billabong Creek area, downstream of Jerilderie.
- small design flood of March 2011: 17% AEP at the Billabong Creek at Walbundrie gauge (410091) was selected as the small design flood for the upper Billabong Creek area (upstream of Jerilderie).

More information about the proposed design floods is available in the [Report to assist Stage 1 public consultation](#).

<p>Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed design floods.</p>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
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Proposed floodway network

Figure 2 in the [Report to assist Stage 1 public consultation](#) shows the proposed floodway network. For a higher resolution version of the proposed floodway network, see [Stage 1 Interactive Spatial Map](#).

<p>Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed floodway network.</p> <p><i>(If relevant please attach a map to your submission.)</i></p>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
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Identified Aboriginal cultural assets and values

Figure 3 in the [Report to assist Stage 1 public consultation](#) shows the identified Aboriginal cultural assets and values on the floodplain.

<p>Please provide any comments you may have on the identified Aboriginal cultural assets and values on the floodplain.</p>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
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Identified heritage sites

Figure 4 in the [Report to assist Stage 1 public consultation](#) shows the identified heritage sites on the floodplain.

<p>Please provide any comments you may have on the identified heritage sites on the floodplain.</p>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
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Identified ecological assets

Figure 5 in the [Report to assist Stage 1 public consultation](#) shows the identified ecological assets on the floodplain. For a higher resolution version of the identified ecological assets, [see Stage 1 Interactive Spatial Map](#).

<p>Please provide any comments you may have on the identified ecological assets on the floodplain.</p> <p><i>(If relevant please attach a map to your submission.)</i></p>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
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Local variances from default rules for flood work applications in different areas of the floodplain

Floodplain management plans follow a default rule set which determines what can be assessed and approved as a flood work. These rule sets fall into two main categories depending on the location of the work:

1. **Floodways and areas of ecological, heritage or Aboriginal cultural significance** – works in these areas will be restricted to specific types essential for the protection of life and property, or improvement of the floodplain.

2. **Inundation extent and flood fringe** – all work types are permitted, subject to conditions and assessment criteria.

There are some specific aspects of the rule set that can be tailored to account for local conditions and needs. These aspects are detailed in the [Report to assist Stage 1 public consultation](#) and are subject to consultation outcomes.

<p>Please provide any comments you may have on the types of flood works that should be permitted within a floodway.</p>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
<p>Please provide any comments that you may have on an appropriate maximum height (10 to 50 cm above the natural surface level) for <i>standard access roads</i> within a floodway.</p>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
<p>Please provide any comments that you may have on an appropriate maximum height (10 to 50 cm above the natural surface level) for <i>primary access roads</i> within a floodway.</p>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>

Additional information

If you would like to provide any additional information to help us understand your feedback, please attach this to your submission.

The following questions help us understand how effective our communication and engagement activities are in reaching our diverse community and stakeholders. This enables us to communicate more clearly and improve opportunities for everybody to have their say.

Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? *

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Do you speak a language other than English at home? *

- Yes (please specify):
- No
 - Prefer not to say

Would you like to sign up to our monthly Water newsletter to stay informed and have your say about water planning, management and reform across NSW?

- Yes
- No
- I've already subscribed

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.