

Located to the north of the Great Dividing Range, the North Central region forms part of the Murray–Darling Basin. Within Victoria, the North Central region is one of ten catchment management regions.

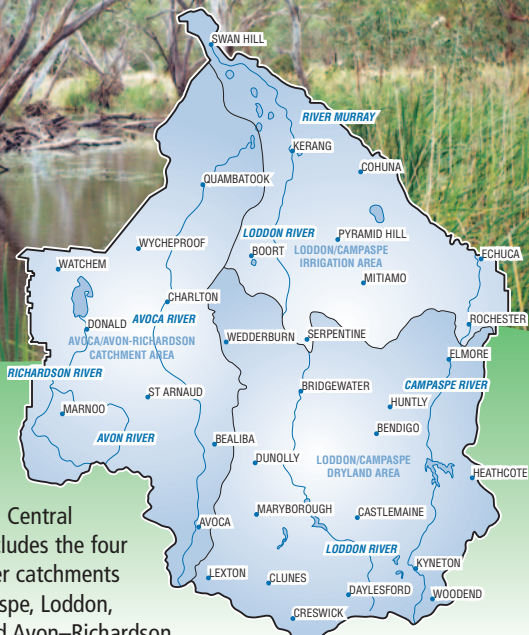
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The North Central Catchment

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Who manages water in North Central Victoria?



The North Central region includes the four major river catchments of Campaspe, Loddon, Avoca and Avon–Richardson.

Responsibility for the region's natural waterways and water services is shared amongst the North Central Catchment Management Authority, rural and urban water authorities.

The North Central Catchment Management Authority is the caretaker of river health in the region. It determines funding priorities to protect the health and sustainability of the region's natural resources.

Rural water authorities are responsible for distributing irrigation water throughout the region.

Urban water authorities are responsible for supplying towns in the region with town water and wastewater services.

These authorities work together, and with Government, to ensure the sustainability of our precious water resources for future generations.



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The North Central Catchment Management Authority (North Central CMA) is the strategic body that coordinates natural resource management in North Central Victoria. It is the caretaker of river health in the region.

North Central CMA



The North Central CMA is one of ten such authorities in Victoria. Its core business is to coordinate, in partnership with the community, the development and implementation of the North Central Regional Catchment Strategy.

Either directly or through its partnerships, the North Central CMA is responsible for projects relating to:

- water quality management
- biodiversity management
- Landcare support and funding coordination
- floodplain and regional drainage management
- works on waterways permits
- regional responses to climate change
- salinity management
- threatened species recovery
- pest plant and pest animal management
- vegetation enhancement and restoration
- soil health
- cultural heritage.

Implementation Committees oversee the development and implementation of works programs and enable the community to provide input into these programs.

There are three Implementation Committees, representing the:

- Avoca/Avon–Richardson catchment area
- Loddon/Campaspe dryland area
- Loddon/Campaspe irrigation area.

Rural water authorities harvest, store and deliver water to a range of customers who hold water entitlements.

Rural water authorities



Rural water authorities deliver irrigation water, domestic and stock supplies, and drainage services to rural water entitlement holders. The authorities also supply bulk water to the region's urban water authorities for supply to towns.

The rural water authorities operate on a cost-recovery basis and provide ongoing maintenance of infrastructure in the system. The system includes an extensive series of water storages, weirs, pump stations, channels, pipelines and drains needed to deliver water to customers. Natural waterways are also utilised in the water supply system.

More than 40 different rural water services are provided to customers, including gravity and pumped irrigation, surface and sub-surface drainage, surface and groundwater diversion, and flood protection.

The authorities consult regularly with customer committees to improve services. Increasingly, they also develop and manage projects to deliver water savings, and work closely with the CMA to manage environmental flows.

The main rural water authority in North Central Victoria is Goulburn–Murray Water. GWM Water also operates in the region.

Urban water authorities provide domestic and industrial water and manage wastewater (sewage).

Urban water authorities



If you are on town water, these are the organisations that deliver the water through the town water reticulation system to your home. They also treat drinking water supplies.

The main urban water authority in North Central Victoria is Coliban Water, which manages, maintains and operates over 50 reservoirs and water storages. It provides water and wastewater services to urban customers and to rural customers connected to the Coliban system of water works.

These services encompass water harvesting and storage, urban water supply, wastewater collection, treatment, reuse, disposal, and rural stock domestic supply.

Coliban Water also provides wastewater disposal services, including trade waste treatment, to a number of large businesses including milk processors, abattoirs, a variety of food processors, major laundries, saleyards, tanneries, wineries, pet food manufacturers and health services.

The other urban water authorities with a presence in North Central Victoria are Central Highlands Water, Lower Murray Water, GWM Water and Western Water.