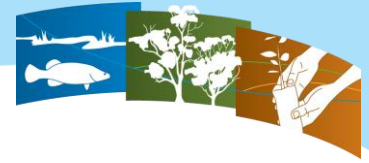




North Central Waterway Management Strategy

*Are you interested in your local waterways or wetlands?
Then have your say!*



The North Central Catchment Management Authority is seeking to work with all interested community members to develop the North Central Waterway Management Strategy.

WHAT IS THE NORTH CENTRAL WATERWAY MANGEMENT STRATEGY?

The North Central Waterway Management Strategy (WMS) is the key strategic document to guide investment and works for the region's rivers and wetlands over the next eight years.

THE NORTH CENTRAL WMS WILL:

- ◆ Identify the region's waterways and wetlands of high environmental, social and economic values
- ◆ Determine priority waterways and wetlands
- ◆ Establish targets and goals for priority waterways and wetlands
- ◆ Set out an eight-year action plan that identifies management activities for priority waterways and wetlands
- ◆ Establish a monitoring and evaluation program



HAVE YOUR SAY

Over the next six months, the North Central CMA is committed to working with local communities and partner agencies to accurately represent the regions highest priority waterways.

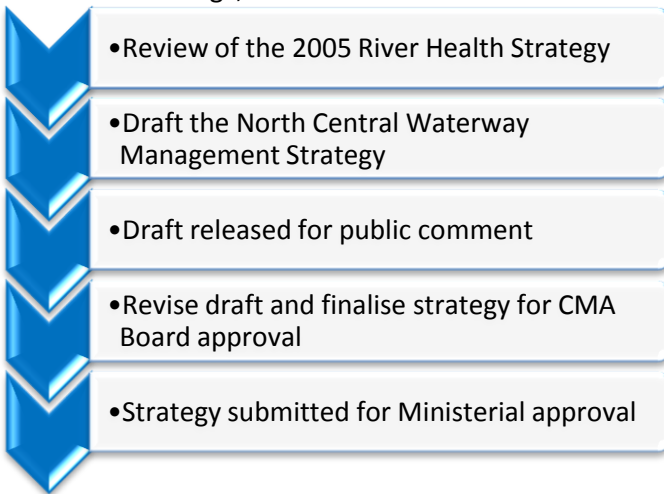
This strategy provides the opportunity for communities to have a say in the development of management actions for our region's priority waterways and wetlands over the next eight years.

The community will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Waterway Management Strategy during the public consultation phase in early 2014.



TIMELINE

The WMS will be developed by North Central CMA during 2013/14 and is scheduled to be completed and submitted to the Minister for Water and the Minister for Environment and Climate Change, in 2014.



The North Central Waterway Management Strategy will be guided by the North Central Regional Catchment Strategy and the Victorian Waterway Management Strategy.

"Waterways and wetlands are an integral part of the north central Victorian landscape. The North Central CMA is committed to supporting a community active in protecting and enhancing the integrity of its catchment."

David Clark, Board Chair North Central CMA

REVIEW OF THE 2005 NORTH CENTRAL RIVER HEALTH STRATEGY

A review of the River Health Strategy developed in 2005 was undertaken to help inform the new Waterway Management Strategy. The River Health Strategy review found:

- Significant on-ground works were achieved across the region including:
 - Establishment of over 450 km of waterway fencing
 - Protection of over 2,700 ha of waterway vegetation
 - Establishment of over 680 ha of waterway revegetation
 - Protection of over 1,700 ha of wetland vegetation
 - Significant pest plant and animal control during waterway and wetland works
- Improved environmental flow planning and implementation
- Community engagement approaches used in projects such as the Loddon Stressed River project were effective in improving landholder's knowledge and skills

Although significant achievements have been made there are some key learning's that will feed into the development of the Waterway Management Strategy including:

- A robust monitoring and evaluation framework is required that sets measurable and feasible targets and is more responsive/adaptive to changing conditions and circumstances
- A targeted investment approach allows significant achievements to be made in priority areas
- Provide the broader community with useful knowledge and information that will support local action

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