

Pental Island Levees Future Management

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Project Progress

The major flooding across northern Victoria, which started in October and is still slowly receding, has caused significant hardship and disruption to the residents of Pental Island. The day to day work of North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) staff has also been disrupted as they contribute to the emergency response efforts across the region and are now moving into supporting the recovery of the region following the floods.

The first newsletter for the Pental Island Levees Future Management project called for expressions of interest from landowners to be on the project steering committee. A total of seven landowners put their names forward. The composition of the committee will be finalised in the next few weeks with the objective of having the first meeting in March.

Seeking Information on Flood Damage

As we move into the recovery phase, a dedicated flood recovery team has been assembled by the North Central CMA to start the process of addressing impacts to the region's waterways and the works designed to protect and enhance them.

A particular focus for North Central CMA is the Pental Island levees, floodway and associated structures such as culverts and drainage outlets. We seek your input into our assessment process. If you have noticed any major flood damage to the levees and associated infrastructure, please let us know. This might include such things as serious erosion, undermining, major blockages, damage to riverside fencing, or extensive loss of vegetation. It might also include issues that only became apparent when the water rose, for example, excessive seepage or leaking drainage outlets.

The road to recovery will be a long process, but our initial priority is to get a full record of flood damage and then to prioritise remediation works, subject to funding. Any information you provide will help us to understand the impact and support us to repair or reinstate high priority environmental, or waterway protection works.

A fact sheet is attached with some more information. The fact sheet has a QR code which you can scan to access an on-line survey to record your flood damage information. Or you can call (03) 5448 7124 by 15 February 2023.

If you have already been in contact with staff or have completed the survey, you do not need to do so again. We will be in touch as soon as we have a better understanding of the extent of the damage across the catchment and have an idea of the available funding.





For enquiries about matters listed above, please contact the North Central CMA on (03) 5448 7124.

Some other agencies that may be of assistance: The Victorian Flood Recovery Hotline (clean-up services, financial support, temporary accommodation, or mental health support) on 1800 560 760.

To report road or bridge damage, contact your local Council or Regional Roads Victoria on 133 778.

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