



Above: Mulcra Island. Photo: Chris Woods.

Investigations are underway into the development of environmental works projects at seven sites within the Victorian Mallee.

These projects aim to deliver environmental outcomes under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan using less water.

Projects are being considered for the following locations:

- Lindsay Island
- Wallpolla Island
- Hattah Lakes
- Belsar-Yungera
- Burra Creek
- Vinifera
- Nyah

The proposed environmental works projects involve using engineering works such as regulators, pipes and pumps, to efficiently and effectively deliver water to wetlands and floodplains.

What stage are these projects up to?

These projects are currently in the early stages of development. Funding has been provided to investigate the proposed works and develop business cases, but the works have not been funded.

A business case is currently being developed for each site, which involves completing modelling and risk assessments that consider flooding, salinity impacts, cultural heritage and how construction works might affect plants and animals.

The business cases will be finished in late 2014 and assessed in 2015.

Why investigate environmental works?

Works can achieve similar environmental benefits to a natural flood, using much less water. Using a combination of works and water will enable the Basin Plan's environmental objectives to be met without sacrificing productive agricultural districts in Victoria's share of the Basin.

Why choose these sites?

The seven sites in the Mallee CMA region were chosen for a number of reasons, including their social and environmental significance, and the feasibility of achieving tangible environmental improvements by using environmental works and watering.

Who's involved?

The Mallee CMA is working with key agency and community stakeholders throughout the development of these business cases because we recognise the value of local knowledge, advice and feedback in successfully developing these projects.

Find out more

If you would like to know more about these projects please contact the Mallee CMA on 5051 4377; visit www.malleecma.vic.gov.au or follow us on Twitter @MalleeCMA.