

Water licence holders research:

Your experience using water in the Upper Ovens

We are keen to hear from rural water users in the Upper Ovens Valley on their experiences about taking and trading water either from the river or from a groundwater bore.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning in Victoria along with Goulburn-Murray Water is reviewing the Water Management Plan for the Upper Ovens during 2017. This covers the area from the junction of the Ovens River with the Buffalo River to the top of the catchment.

The first part of the review is a research project that aims to find out water users' priorities and future demand for water, as well as their opinions on current licence controls and water trading arrangements.

RM Consulting Group (RMCG) has been asked to undertake the research and will be inviting licence holders to participate in meetings in the region between the **8th and 10th of February 2017**.

We will also be inviting individuals to share their views in a phone survey which will take place in January and February 2017.

If you have a current water licence for irrigation or commercial use you may be contacted by Bec, Duncan or Matthew of RMCG over the coming weeks.

You may also choose to complete a 5 minute online survey, which is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/upperovenswater>. The survey will close on **Friday the 17th February 2017**.

We are keen to hear your views.

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