



# Charter

Lake Buffalo Land and On-Water Management Plan  
Implementation Group

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# 1. Constitution

- 1.1. There shall be a **Lake Buffalo Land & On-Water Implementation Group** (the “Implementation Group”)
- 1.2. The Implementation Group should include but not be limited to:
  - a) an impartial chair
  - b) community and commercial representatives from the near vicinity of **Lake Buffalo**
  - c) one representative from **Alpine Shire Council**
  - d) one representative from **Goulburn Murray Water** (GMW)
  - e) one representative from the **Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning** (DELWP)

Additional representatives may be added at the discretion of the committee and with the approval of GMW.

- 1.3. Unless otherwise determined the Implementation Group will cease to exist if the Group is satisfied that its functions have been achieved.

# 2. Functions

The Implementation Group has the following functions in relation to **Lake Buffalo**:

- a) to provide advice to GMW’s representative
- b) to help guide the priorities for implementation of the **Lake Buffalo Land and On-Water Management Plan**
- c) to advise on community engagement activities, such as informing and raising community awareness on the importance of environmental issues in the local area
- d) provide feedback to community interest groups
- e) identify other environmental initiatives in the **Lake Buffalo** region and work collaboratively where possible
- f) provide advice on community consultation strategies and play an active role in on-going consultation
- g) help to develop a framework for evaluating progress
- h) monitor and evaluate the effective implementation of the plan.

The Committee will be pro-active in providing advice on all issues associated with the Land and On-Water Management Plan. Members are to ensure that all other Implementation Group members are kept informed of issues or concerns that may be raised.

### 3. Terms of Appointment

A member is appointed:

- a) through submission of a formal written application following a public call for Expressions of Interest by GMW and selection by an Agency selection panel;
- b) subject to endorsement of appointment by the GMW Board
- c) for an initial period not exceeding three years; or
- d) for the period of the Implementation Group's existence if this is less than three years; and
- e) on the terms and conditions set out in the Code of Conduct for the Implementation Group.

### 4. Validity of Proceedings

An act of the Implementation Group is not invalid only because there is a defect or irregularity in the election of a candidate or appointment of a member.

### 5. Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

- 5.1 **The Agency Selection Panel** will call for nominations to act as Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. The Panel will then vote in the successful Chair and Deputy Chair.
- 5.2 The Implementation Group must, at its first meeting in every year, appoint a member to be Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.
- 5.3 A Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson holds office until the meeting of the Implementation Group at which the next appointment of a Chair and Deputy Chairperson is to be made.
- 5.4 A Chairperson who vacates that office is, if still a member, eligible for reappointment as deputy chairperson.
- 5.5 A Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson ceases to hold that office if he or she ceases to be a member of the Implementation Group.
- 5.6 A Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson may resign by notice in writing delivered to the GMW representative.
- 5.7 If at any meeting of the Implementation Group the Chairperson is not present at the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Deputy Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Deputy Chairperson, a member appointed by the member's present) must preside at the meeting.