

Lake Meran Local Management Plan (LMP)

Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) has received five submissions in response to the draft LMP for Lake Meran. Thanks to those who made submissions.

The table below provides a summary of submissions received.

Submission made by	Feedback
Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)	The submission from DELWP is supportive of the proposed LMP and feels it provides clarity for stakeholders of Lake Meran.
Private submission	<p>This submission expressed a desire to see a specific allocation provided to the lake (for irrigation and domestic and stock) in addition to the proposed management levels.</p> <p>The submission raised concerns for water available for recreational facilities (toilets and tennis club) at Lake Meran and water quality concerns relating to the variability of water levels under the North Central Catchment Management Authority's Environmental Water Management Plan.</p>
Victorian Environmental Water Holder (VEHW)	<p>The submission is supportive of the LMP approach to the sharing of water in the lake.</p> <p>VEHW articulates its position that implementation and compliance with the proposed restrictions will be an important consideration in future decisions regarding whether to continue to supply environmental water to the lake.</p>
Gannawarra Shire	Council is supportive of the proposed LMP and the objectives of the Environmental Water Management Plan. Council feels the LMP provides a strategic approach between agencies to co-operatively manage the important values of the lake and its foreshore.
Lake Meran Diversion Licence Holders Group	<p>The submission by this group advises they do not support "any attempts to interfere with existing licence conditions".</p> <p>The group state their desire for an ongoing allocation of water to be made to Lake Meran. It is suggested this is in addition to the proposed management levels, with a clear distinction between agricultural water (that includes domestic and stock water) and environmental water due to community, environmental, social and economic shortfalls.</p>

Next Steps

All submissions received will be made available in their entirety to GMW's Board as part of consideration of the final LMP. The final LMP will be provided to the community and stakeholders once available.