

Environment Policy Statement



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Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) is Australia's largest rural water authority. We are responsible for managing around 70% of Victoria's stored water resources, around 50% of Victoria's underground water supplies and Australia's largest irrigation delivery network.

GMW is committed to the prevention of pollution, environment protection and sustainability initiatives by:

1. Minimising detrimental effects while maximising opportunities

We will achieve this through:

- Complying with relevant legislation and applying a risk based approach that results in continual improvement.
- Strengthening environmental expectations on our staff and contractors through effective environmental controls in our contracts.
- Promoting awareness and understanding of sustainability and environmental issues to our staff.
- Monitoring, measuring and reporting on our environmental performance.

2. Mitigating threats to delivering water services

We operate water systems within open catchments that are popular places to visit. To mitigate environmental threats to the delivery of water services from these activities and other physical climatic changes, we will:

- Achieve compliance with relevant legislation and apply a risk based approach that results in continual improvement.
- Strengthen environmental expectations on our staff and contractors through effective environmental controls in our contracts.
- Promote awareness and understanding of sustainability and the environment.

3. Maintaining strategic involvement

There are a number of stakeholders interested in the management of our water storages and our delivery network, therefore we will:

- Optimise internal and external stakeholder networks and partnerships to anticipate and prepare for future environmental changes that will impact on our sustainable delivery of water services.
- Target stakeholder engagement to influence catchment outcomes of benefit to GMW activities and increase stakeholder confidence.
- Capitalise on our expertise to deliver programs that contribute to reducing the region's irrigation environmental footprint.

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