

WRP Fact Sheet 1: Victoria's water resource plans



Wimmera-Mallee Water Resource Plan and
Victoria's North and Murray Water Resource Plan

Water resource plans (WRPs) provide for consistent management of Murray-Darling Basin water resources across all Basin States.

Purpose of water resource plans

Water resource plans document how Victoria meets the requirements of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. WRPs are a key tool for implementing Basin Plan and outline arrangements for the following:

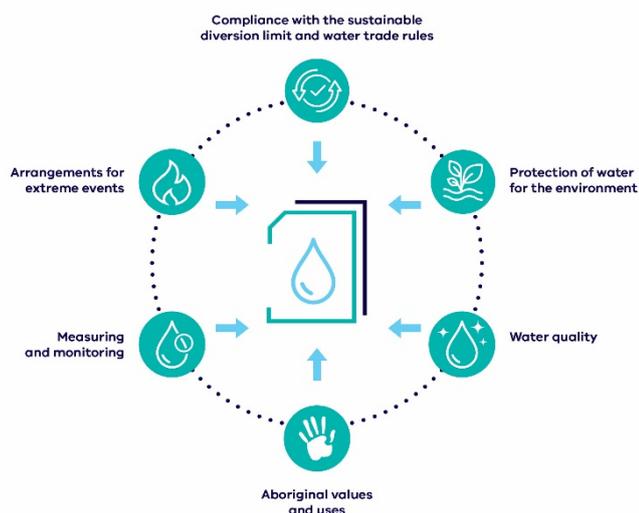


Figure 1 Content of water resource plans

Specific details on how Victoria meets the requirements of the Basin Plan are outlined in the Index Table for each WRP available on DELWP's website.

Victoria's WRPs are available on DELWP's website at <https://www.water.vic.gov.au/mdb/mdbp/water-resource-plans>

Development of water resource plans

A review of current measures, commitments and strategies under Victorian legislation was undertaken to determine whether improvements or changes were needed to meet Basin Plan requirements.

Victoria's water resource plans were developed in partnership with water corporations, catchment management authorities and in consultation with environmental managers, Traditional Owners, industry bodies, local government and Basin communities.

For more information on the consultation undertaken in developing WRPs see Appendix D to the Wimmera-Mallee and Victoria's North and Murray Comprehensive Report available on DELWP's website.

Status of Water Resource Plans

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Victoria has formally submitted its draft WRPs to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MBDA) for assessment and recommendation to the Commonwealth Minister for Water.

If the Commonwealth Minister decides to accredit a WRP they become enforceable under the *Water Act 2007* (Cth).

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Water resource plan areas

The Murray-Darling Basin contains 20 surface water and 22 groundwater water resource plan areas, as well as six combined surface water and groundwater water resource plan areas. Victoria has a total of five water resource plan areas. In the submission to the Commonwealth, these five areas have been combined into two water resource plans:

For more information on the status of water resource plans see <https://www.mdba.gov.au/basin-plan-roll-out/water-resource-plans>.

Wimmera Mallee Water Resource Plan

- Wimmera-Mallee (surface water)
- Wimmera-Mallee (groundwater)

Victoria's North and Murray Water Resource Plan

- Victorian Murray (surface water)
- Northern Victoria (surface water)
- Goulburn-Murray (groundwater)

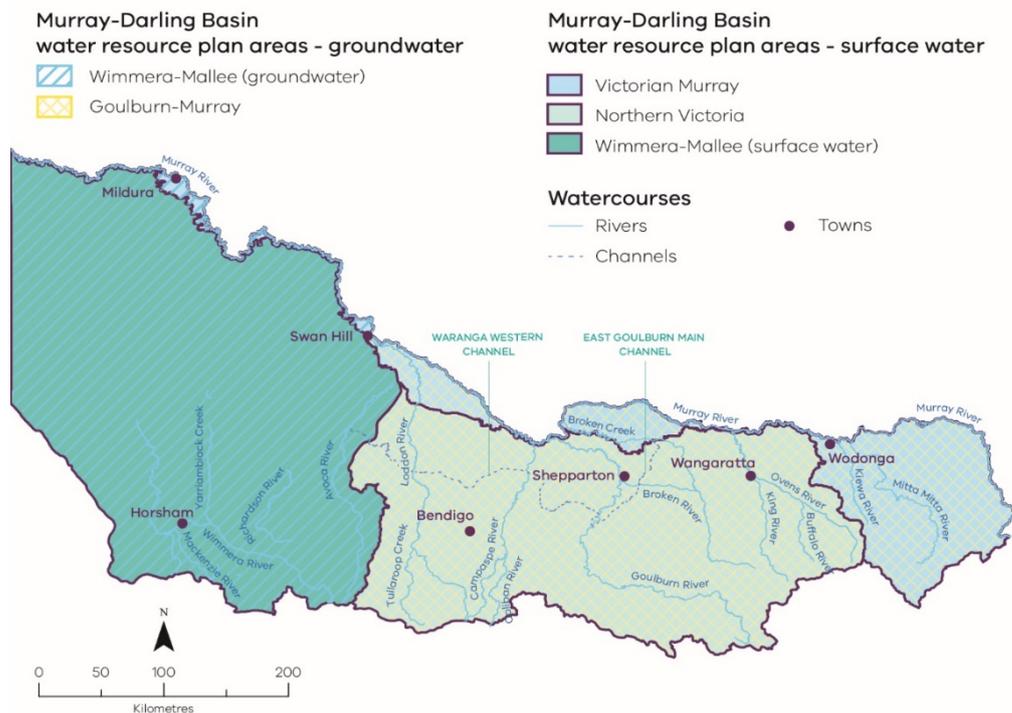


Figure 2: Victorian water resource plan areas

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