



Community Consultation On Water Delivery Share Review

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Landholders in the Goulburn Murray and Sunraysia Irrigation Districts are being encouraged to have their say to improve water delivery share arrangements.

Over the last twelve months, the project team has engaged with key industry representatives who have helped to inform the options presented in the discussion paper on the future of delivery shares.

The discussion paper reflects a range of views and challenges around the current delivery share system, as well as differences between the Sunraysia and the Goulburn Murray regions, and puts forward options to improve it.

A delivery share is an entitlement paid by landowners to cover the costs of delivering water in irrigation districts, defined by a rate of megalitres per day.

The opening of community consultation this week is the next step in the Andrews Labor Government's review of delivery share arrangements, which comes in response to significant changes in land and water use in Northern Victoria over the last 10 years.

As part of this review, the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning will meet with stakeholders and explore options that deliver the best outcome for communities and farmers.

The review will consider reduced water availability for irrigation, fluctuation in water prices and changes in demand for water.

It will also consider the impact of climate change -- with predictions of a hotter, drier climate with lower inflows, longer droughts, less rainfall in the cool season and dams harvesting lower volumes of water.

The review is part of the Labor Government's *Water for Victoria* plan to support irrigation communities as they adjust to changes in climate, water availability and the social and economic impacts of water recovery under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

Community consultations will be held in Mildura on 1 August, Kerang on 2 August and Shepparton on 3 August. For more information go to <https://engage.vic.gov.au/delivery-share-review>.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Water Lisa Neville

"This delivery share review will assess the best options for irrigators in Northern Victoria for a fair outcome the community can get behind."



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“Engagement with landowners and the broader community is an important part of this review – ensuring we keep people informed every step of the way.”

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Mark Gepp

“It’s important we engage with stakeholders to get an efficient irrigation system in place that supports irrigators in regional Victoria into the future.”