



# LOWER MURRAY WATER

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Lower Murray Water (LMW) operates from Kerang to the South Australian border providing the region with water and wastewater services to domestic, commercial, industrial and irrigation customers. This policy statement recognises the region's Traditional Owners have been the custodians for the land and water for thousands of generations. LMW acknowledges that Traditional Owners have unique knowledge and connection to this land and water and environment.

*LMW's Vision is to support our region with water for life, irrigation, growth, and the environment.*

### **Lower Murray Water (LMW) is committed to:**

- meeting environmental outcomes listed in the Minister for Water's Letter of Expectations and Statements of Obligations
- continuous improvement to our environmental performance
- prevention of pollution and harm to human health and the environment so far as reasonably practicable
- complying with all environmental laws, regulations, and license conditions
- meeting the requirements of Victoria's General Environmental Duty (GED) as an important part of the Victorian *Environment Protection Act 2017*
- reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

### **LMW will meet the objectives stated in this Environmental Policy through:**

- the implementation of an Environmental Management System (EMS) based on the principles of ISO 14001:2015
- integrating environmental objectives into its business operations
- understanding the environmental impacts of its activities
- adopting best practices and technical innovations, where practicable to minimise the impacts of its activities on the environment
- implementing the most efficient and economical infrastructure and operational solutions
- integrating climate change mitigation and adaptation planning and actions into its business operations
- regular review and update of LMW environmental objectives and targets.
- engaging with our Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) the First People of the Millewa-Mallee to further seek First Nations and Traditional owner's knowledge of our regions and environmental management
- recognising and respecting the importance of First Nation's People traditional ecological knowledge and management of biodiversity and conservation, including water.

LMW's EMS will be used to understand the environmental impacts of our activities and use a risk-based framework to set priorities and actions to ensure we meet our environmental objectives.

The Senior Leadership Team will communicate this policy to LMW's staff, customers and stakeholders and this policy will be available on LMW's website.