

Submission form for the draft Billabong Creek Floodplain Management Plan: Stage 2 public exhibition

How to fill out this form

The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is seeking your feedback on the draft Billabong Creek Floodplain Management Plan.

We are seeking feedback through a public exhibition process from Monday 29 September to Sunday 16 November 2025. The publication *Draft Billabong Creek Floodplain Management Plan – Report to assist Stage 2 public exhibition* provides information that can help you to complete this submission form. This report is available on the department's website at:

water.nsw.gov.au/billabong-creek-floodplain

To provide feedback on the management zones shown in Figure 3 in the report and on the [interactive spatial map](#), we recommend you:

1. take a screenshot of the relevant area/s displayed on the interactive spatial map
2. use a drawing tool to illustrate or refer to the area shown in written feedback
3. save the screenshot of the map as an image file and attach it to your submission.

Mandatory questions are indicated with an asterisk (*).

How to submit your feedback

Have your say **by 11:59 pm Sunday 16 November 2025**.

Save or print the completed submission form and:

- email the form to floodplain.planning@dpie.nsw.gov.au, or
- post the form to:

Attention: Floodplain Planning
Billabong Creek FMP
Water Group - NSW DCCEEW
Locked Bag 5022
Parramatta NSW 2124

Information on privacy and confidentiality

Feedback received in submissions will be collated and summarised in a What we heard report which will be published on the department's website.

The department values your input and accepts that information you provide may be private and personal. Submissions, including maps, received by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water will be made available on request.

If you want your name to be treated as confidential, please indicate this by ticking the relevant box below.

Your information will be handled by the department in accordance with the [Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998](#). Any personal information you provide in completing this form will only be used to inform the development of the Billabong Creek Floodplain Management Plan. We will not use or disclose the information for any other purpose, unless required by law or authorised to do so.

If you would like to know more about how the department meets its obligations in collecting, storing, using and sharing personal information, you can read our [Privacy statement](#) or [Privacy Management Plan](#).

If you wish to view or amend the information held by us, you can email us at floodplain.planning@dpie.nsw.gov.au, or contact the department's Information Access and Privacy Unit on 02 9860 1440, at privacy.dcceew@environment.nsw.gov.au or at Locked Bag 5022 Parramatta NSW 2124.

Privacy questions

Do you give permission for your name to be published with your submission? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you are answering on behalf of an organisation, do you give permission for your organisation's name to be published? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not applicable

Your details

Details	
1. Given name *	
2. Family name *	
3. Phone number	
4. Email address *	
5. Address	
6. Are you making this submission as an individual or as a representative of an organisation? * (Mark only one)	☐ Individual (skip to question 9) ☐ Organisation
7. Name of organisation	
8. Who do you represent? *	☐ Aboriginal organisation ☐ Environmental organisation ☐ Government ☐ Irrigation industry ☐ Mining industry ☐ Peak representative organisation ☐ Other (please specify):
9. Have you read the Draft Billabong Creek Floodplain Management Plan – Report to assist Stage 2 public exhibition? *	☐ Yes ☐ No
10. Did/will you attend any of the following in relation to the Billabong Creek Floodplain Management Plan?	☐ An individual appointment ☐ A phone call with departmental staff ☐ A group meeting with departmental staff ☐ None of these

The following sections relate to the feedback we are seeking on the draft floodplain management plan as described in the Report to assist Stage 2 public exhibition.

Proposed management zones

The proposed management zones represent the hydraulic, ecological or Aboriginal cultural (or combination of) attributes of the land. Different rules and assessment criteria apply to each management zone. These reflect the nature of the area and consider the impact that a flood work may have on the movement of floodwater, and risk to life and property.

For more information, please refer to Figure 3 and section 3 in the [Report to assist Stage 2 public exhibition](#). For a higher resolution version of the proposed management zones, see the [interactive spatial map](#).

Follow the steps under the heading 'How to fill out this form' (page 1) to provide feedback on the management zones shown in Figure 3.

Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed management zones. <i>(If relevant please attach a map to your submission.)</i>	
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Proposed rules and assessment criteria for Management Zone A and SP

Flood works in management zone A and SP will be restricted to specific types that are essential for the protection of life and property, or improvement of the floodplain. Each type of flood work permitted will be subject to size or height restrictions to minimise the impact on the passage of floodwater.

For more information, please refer to section 4.1.1 and Table 1 in the [Report to assist public exhibition](#).

Please provide any comments you may have on the flood work types permitted within Management Zone A and SP and associated specifications.

All flood works in Management Zone A and SP will be assessed using the standard assessment criteria. Enhancement flood works will also be assessed using the hydraulic assessment criteria.

For more information, please refer to section 4.1.1, Table 3 and Table 4 in the [Report to assist Stage 2 public exhibition](#).

Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed rules and assessment criteria for Management Zone A and SP.

Additional types of flood works are permitted within Management Zone A and SP if they were constructed prior to the commencement of the draft floodplain management plan, subject to complying with the standard assessment criteria.

For more information, please refer to section 4.1.1.2, Table 1 and Table 3 in the [Report to assist Stage 2 public exhibition](#).

Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed rules and assessment criteria for *existing unapproved works* in Management Zone A and SP.

Proposed rules and assessment criteria for Management Zone B

Any type of flood work will be permitted in Management Zone B, subject to assessment using the standard assessment criteria. Larger flood works in Management Zone B will require advertisement and assessment using the hydraulic assessment criteria.

For more information, please refer to section 4.1.2, 4.2, Table 2, Table 3 and Table 4 in the [Report to assist Stage 2 public exhibition](#).

Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed rules and assessment criteria for Management Zone B.	
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A unique rule has been included for **existing flood works in Management Zone B**. Unapproved flood works that were constructed prior to 7 July 2000 will be required to meet the standard assessment criteria only. Existing flood works that may have a significant impact on high value infrastructure will also require assessment using the hydraulic assessment criteria.

This rule will only apply for the first three years following commencement of the FMP.

For more information, please refer to section 4.1.2.1 in the [Report to assist Stage 2 public exhibition](#).

Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed temporary rules and assessment criteria for <i>existing unapproved works</i> in Management Zone B.	
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Proposed rules and assessment criteria for Management Zone C and CU

Any type of flood work will be permitted in Management Zone C and CU, subject to assessment using the standard assessment criteria. Flood works that may have a significant impact on high value infrastructure will require assessment using the hydraulic assessment criteria.

There is no difference in the rules and assessment criteria for flood works constructed prior to or after the draft floodplain management plan commences.

For more information, please refer to section 4.1.2, 4.1.2.2, 4.2, Table 3 and Table 4 in the [Report to assist Stage 2 public exhibition](#).

Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed rules and assessment criteria for Management Zone C and CU.	
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Proposed mandatory conditions

The draft floodplain management plan proposes 2 mandatory conditions that will apply to flood work approvals:

1. WaterNSW must be notified of an intention to remove a flood work and again when the flood work has been removed. After a flood work is removed, the area it was located must be returned to the height of the natural surface of the ground.
2. Erosion must be prevented during the construction and use of a flood work.

For more information, please refer to section 5.3 in the [Report to assist Stage 2 public exhibition](#).

Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed mandatory conditions.

(If relevant please attach a map to your submission.)

Proposed amendment provisions

The draft floodplain management plan sets out the circumstances when the plan may be amended in the future. Of note, it proposes to amend the plan before 1 July 2029 to include rules and assessment criteria that consider the effects of climate change.

For more information, please refer to section 5.4 in the [Report to assist Stage 2 public exhibition](#).

Please provide any comments you may have on the proposed amendment provisions.

(If relevant please attach a map to your submission.)

Additional information

If you have any other comments on the draft floodplain management plan, please provide them here.

(If relevant please attach a map to your submission.)

If you would like to provide any additional information to help us understand your feedback, please attach this to your submission.

The following questions help us understand how effective our communication and engagement activities are in reaching our diverse community and stakeholders. This enables us to communicate more clearly and improve opportunities for everybody to have their say.

How did you hear about this consultation? *	☐ Community group ☐ Department's website ☐ Email or newsletter from the department ☐ Letter ☐ Newspaper advertisement ☐ Social media ☐ Word of mouth ☐ Other (please specify):
Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? *	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say
Do you speak a language other than English at home? *	☐ Yes (please specify): ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say
Would you like to sign up to our monthly Water newsletter to stay informed and have your say about water planning, management and reform across NSW?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I've already subscribed

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.