

CENTRAL REGION

How water for the environment is helping plants and animals around the greater Melbourne, Ballarat and Geelong regions in 2021-22

Many of Victoria's rivers and wetlands have been modified to provide water vital for farms, homes and industry. Water for the environment is used to improve the health of rivers and wetlands and support the plants, fish and other animals that live, feed and breed in them.

Water for the environment also benefits communities by improving conditions for fishing, camping and canoeing. Improved water quality can have economic benefits for irrigation and urban water supply.

This map shows the main environmental objectives that water for the environment helps improve and protect in the central region. A complete list of objectives is found in the *Seasonal Watering Plan 2021-22*.

The Victorian Environmental Water Holder recognises Aboriginal people as the first land and water managers in Australia. We acknowledge the important contribution made by Traditional Owners across Victoria to this year's seasonal watering plan.

Where will water for the environment go and why?

