

Greater Melbourne Flood Information Program Council briefing pack 2026

Project overview

Background

Melbourne Water, in collaboration with councils, is updating flood information to guide planning, infrastructure priorities and community flood awareness.

The updated flood models will support the Victorian Government's Housing Statement to deliver 800,000 new homes over 10 years and help ensure they are built in safer locations.

Melbourne Water will now review flood models every 5 years and update them every 10 years. Any major flood or significant changes in the catchment will also trigger a review of flood models so we can ensure flood information is up to date as frequently as possible.

Flood map release

Over 60 updated flood maps covering stormwater drainage and riverine flooding across 38 council areas will be updated and released for consultation across Greater Melbourne over the coming years.

Updated stormwater flood maps for Darebin, Glen Eira, Merri-bek and Darebin have already been consulted on and will be finalised in 2026.

Draft flood maps for Banyule, Brimbank, Hobsons Bay and Moonee Valley are being released in 2026 for community consultation.

Urban Flood Impact Assessments

Melbourne Water is developing Urban Flood Impact Assessments (UFIAs) to facilitate early understanding of implications of the updated flood information across council areas prior to public release. Melbourne Water will share the UFIA report directly with Councils when they are available.