

Greater Melbourne Flood Information Program Council briefing pack 2026

Key messages

Melbourne Water key messages are dynamic and updated as needed. Below are some examples of key messages from the updated maps consulted on in 2025.

- Melbourne Water is working with local councils to update flood information across Greater Melbourne. This helps us better understand the risk of current and future flooding, so we can build a safe and resilient city for today, tomorrow and for generations to come.
- Improving flood information, through sophisticated flood modelling, is a significant program for Melbourne Water being rolled out over the next few years.
- Flood information helps us understand how best to prepare for flooding and minimise its impacts. It is used by the state government, local councils, developers and businesses, as well as the community.
- It ensures new houses and developments are built in safer locations and designed to withstand floods. It also helps us prioritise flood infrastructure upgrades in areas of highest risk to the community.
- Flood models don't create flood risk – they help us to better understand the emerging risks that Melbourne now faces.
- The Greater Melbourne Flood Information Program is being rolled out across the city, with support from local councils.
- Melbourne Water will review flood models every 5 years and update them every 10 years, using sophisticated technology that allows us to do modelling more regularly. Any major flood or significant changes in the catchment will also trigger a review of our flood models.