

# **Greater Melbourne Flood Information Program Council briefing pack 2026**

## **Flood map release journey**

### **Local targeted awareness and communications campaign**

Raise awareness of flooding and why updated information is important. Inform the community that updated draft flood maps for their area are coming soon.

### **Release and review of updated draft flood information consultation**

Invite the community to review the updated flood information, identifying missing instances of flooding or engineering designed features. Only evidence-based feedback may lead to adjustments before maps are finalised.

### **Final release of updated flood model**

Release the final flood information for use in decision-making, flood level certificates, and property statements. This is a temporary process, pending the Victorian government's decision on the preferred Public Scheme Amendment process. The final updated flood information will be uploaded onto Melbourne Water's website, providing the community easy access and visibility of flood information in their area. The final flood information will also be used to update emergency management plans and VICSES local flood guides.

## **Planning Scheme Amendment process**

We support the government's commitment to developing a streamlined Planning Scheme Amendment process to implement new flood information into planning schemes, as foreshadowed in the government's new planning strategy - Plan for Victoria, and the government's response to the Parliamentary Inquiry into the 2022 floods.

Until the planning schemes are updated, Melbourne Water and councils will use an interim approach to use the new flood information in planning and building decisions.

If the planning schemes are updated while the draft flood maps are open for consultation, Melbourne Water will work with councils to deliver an approach that helps the community understand the implications of these changes.

## **Flood risk reduction**

Following updates to flood models and flood information, various mitigation measures may be considered and communicated through a separate, tailored

plan. This will include the agreed approach to public exhibition and consultation for the Planning Scheme Amendment, a critical mitigation component.

## Steps involved in releasing a flood map

The steps involved in releasing a flood map are outlined in the diagram below.

