

Overview of the study

Transcript

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Hi, I'm Andrew, and I'm part of the team working on the Maribyrnong River Flood Mitigation Study.

We're now entering Phase 3 of the study, and this is an important phase where we're seeking your feedback on the shortlist of potential mitigation options to reduce flood risk.

This study is looking at ways to reduce flood risk across the lower Maribyrnong River catchment. The study is about:

- Learning from past flood events
- Planning for the future, including climate change considerations
- And identifying options to reduce flood risk over time.

Flooding can't be completely eliminated, but through careful planning and a combination of approaches, we can reduce the impact on community, homes and infrastructure.

To ensure that we are ready for the future, flood mitigation options are designed and tested against estimated flood risk in the year 2100.

Over the past year, we've been working closely with the community:

- In Phase 1: We asked what matters most to you and gathered ideas for possible flood mitigation options
- In Phase 2: We shared those ideas and the evaluation criteria for the first time and asked for your feedback.
- We're now in Phase 3: And we're sharing the shortlist of potential flood mitigation options and exploring how they can work together to reduce flood risk. We are again asking for your feedback.

Your input has helped shape both the criteria we use to assess options and the shortlisting of potential flood risk reduction solutions.

Since Phase 2, our team has completed a detailed technical and economic analysis; and refined the long-list of options into a shortlist. This has been used to develop a range of potential 'combinations of mitigation options'.

These combinations are to help with discussions. They are not final proposals or plans and you are not being asked to choose between them.

Instead, they demonstrate how different options can be combined in different ways to achieve varying outcomes.

In phase 3, we want your input on the shortlisted options themselves – what could work, what concerns you and why.

You can learn more and have your say by visiting the project page and exploring the materials available.