

Greater Melbourne Flood Information Program

Melbourne Water is working with local councils to update flood information across the Port Phillip and Westernport region to better understand current and future flood risk.

Melbourne's landscape is constantly changing and so is the weather. We are now seeing an increase in extreme weather events globally, and we are likely to see more flooding across our communities. Whilst we can't stop floods from happening, we can all reduce the risks and impacts.

To update flood information, we use flood models to help us understand where the flooding might occur.

A flood model uses historical flood data and modern mapping technology to accurately predict where flooding might happen now and in the future.

Improving flood information is a significant program for Melbourne Water, being rolled out over the next few years.

Building flood resilience

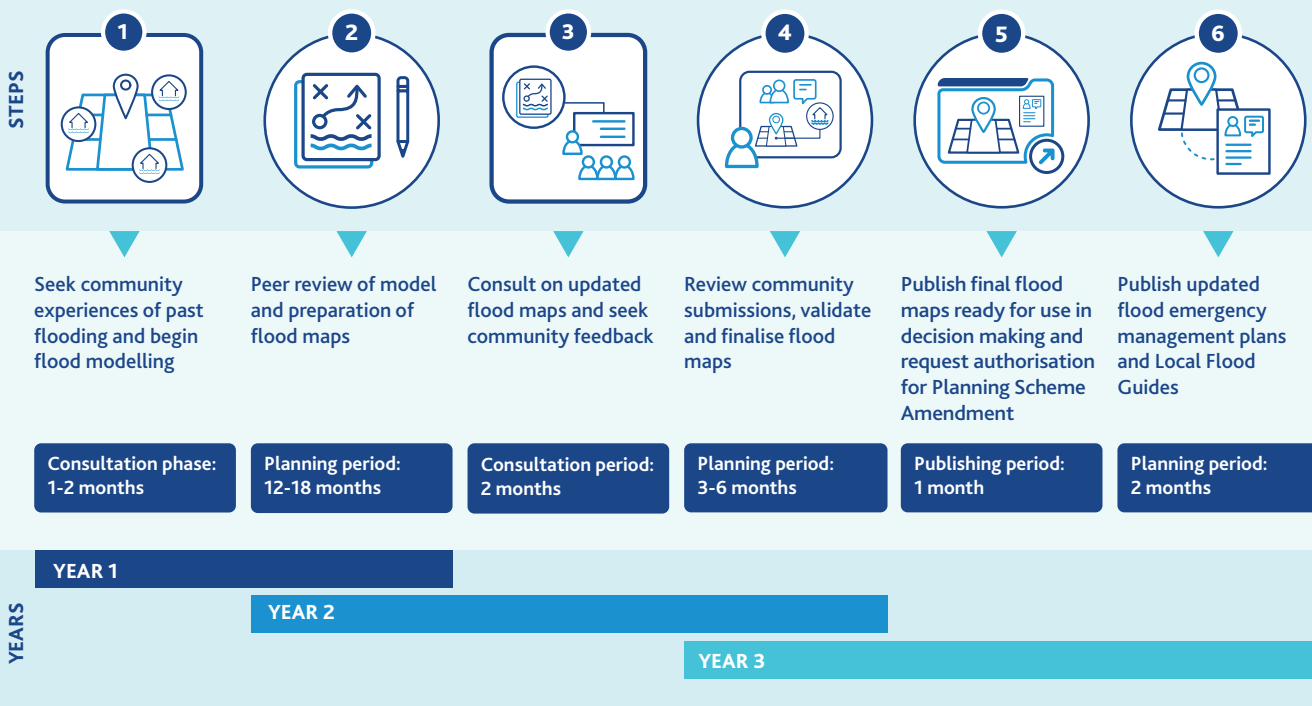
The flood models will make Melbourne more resilient to floods by ensuring agencies and communities can be better prepared.

We're building flood resilience across the region, with the support of community partners such as local councils and VICSES.

Updated flood information is used to:

- help community understand their flood risk and what to do in a flood event
- ensure emergency agencies are operating with the latest available flood information and can respond accordingly in a flood emergency
- update planning scheme controls to guide building and planning decisions so new homes are safer from floods
- inform decisions about where to prioritise physical infrastructure mitigation works.

Program steps and timeline



How to get involved

Updated flood maps will be released progressively by council area, with each area receiving updates at different stages.

Your local area may have multiple flood maps, due to the different types of flooding that occur – for example, from a river or overflowing drains.

We welcome your feedback during the consultation phases.

To stay informed of updates and opportunities to have your say, 'follow' your council webpage at letstalk.melbournewater.com.au/flood-information.

Understanding your flood risk

You don't have to wait for new flood information to find out how to prepare for a flood.

It's important for everyone to be prepared, no matter where you live or if you've been impacted by floods before:

- [The VICSES website](#) has actions you can take to prepare for a flood.
- [Our planning and building information](#) has guidance if you're renovating or redeveloping property in a flood-affected area.

What can you do?



Know your flood risk



Sign up to alerts and warnings



Create a business plan



Create an emergency plan



Pack an emergency flood kit



Keep your property maintained



Check home and contents insurance



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