

# Maribyrnong River Flood Review

## Submission Template



### How to use this template

This template has been created to assist you with your email or postal submission to the Maribyrnong River Flood Review. It guides you through what information to provide, based on the scope of the review.

You can lodge a submission by:

1. Completing this template and sending it to [maribyrnongriver.floodreview@melbournewater.com.au](mailto:maribyrnongriver.floodreview@melbournewater.com.au) (with subject line 'Submission to flood review') or Maribyrnong River Flood Review, PO Box 4342, MELBOURNE, VIC, 3001
2. [Completing the online form on the flood review website.](#) The online form contains the same questions as this template but it a guided process.
3. Writing a submission without using the template and sending it to [maribyrnongriver.floodreview@melbournewater.com.au](mailto:maribyrnongriver.floodreview@melbournewater.com.au) or Maribyrnong River Flood Review, PO Box 4342, MELBOURNE, VIC, 3001. If you use your own format, please remember to provide your name, phone number and email.

### What to include in your submission

Submissions should outline:

- your interest in the review
- how you were impacted by the Maribyrnong River flood event
- the issues and information you would like the independent Review Panel to consider.

You can provide supporting documents, such as photos, as part of your submission.

The information you provide in your submission should be within the scope of the review as contained in the [Maribyrnong River Flood Review Terms of Reference](#) and focus on the following factors:

- the causes and contributors to the Flood Event in the urban catchment, including any potential impacts of the Flemington Racecourse Flood Wall on the extent and duration of the Flood Event;
- any impact of prior works or activities in the urban catchment on flood levels and extent during the Flood Event; and
- whether any other matters may have significantly contributed to the Flood Event.

For more information on the scope of the review, visit the Maribyrnong River Flood Review website.

**If you have information to share that is outside of the scope of the review, you can provide this by [Sharing your Story on the Maribyrnong River Flood Review website or at a community information session.](#)**

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## Submission Form



### Contact information

Your contact details must be included to make a valid submission. For more information on why this information is needed see the Privacy Collection Notice at the end of this form.

Name

Phone

Email

### Your interest in the review

**What is your interest in the review? (select one)**

- ☒ My property was flooded (complete the section 'How you were impacted')
- ☐ I live close to the areas flooded
- ☐ Other interest, please describe: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

### How you were impacted

**Only complete this section if your property was flooded during the Maribyrnong River flood event**

#### 1. Property address

#### 2. Property type:

- ☒ Residence (go to Q3)
- ☐ Investment property (go to Q7)
- ☐ Business (go to Q8)
- ☐ Public asset, e.g park, sportsfield, etc (go to 'Your Submission' section)
- ☒ Other, please describe (then go to 'Your Submission' section)  
[Primary production – horticulture property](#)

#### For residences only

- 3. Is this your usual place of residence? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- 4. Did you have to move out? ☐ Yes (go to Q5) ☒ No (go to 'Submission Details' section)
- 5. If Yes, are you still living elsewhere?  
☐ Yes (go to Q6) ☐ No (go to 'Submission Details' section)
- 6. If Yes, do you intend to return? ☐ Yes ☐ No



## How you were impacted continued

### For investment properties only

7. Do you intend to keep or sell the property? ☒ Keep ☐ Sell

### For businesses only

8. What is your business name? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

9. What does your business do? (e.g. café, shop, service station, industry, office, etc)

10. Did you have to close your business as a result of the flood?

☐ Yes (go to Q8) ☐ No (go to 'Your Submission' section)

11. Have you been able to reopen your business yet?

☐ Yes (go to 'Your Submission' section) ☐ No (go to Q9)

12. If No, do you intend to reopen your business? ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Submission details

Use this section to provide any information that you would like to be considered by the Independent Review Panel.

The information you provide must be relevant to the scope of the review; for more information on the scope of the review refer to page 1 of this template.

If you have information to share that is outside of the scope of the review, you can do this by [Sharing your Story on the Maribyrnong River Flood Review website or at a community information session.](#)

Please note that text boxes will expand as you type. If you are using a printed copy of this form you can attach separate pages. You can also submit supporting information, such as images, with your submission.

I would like to protest the narrow scope of this review. Our property in [REDACTED] is adjacent to the Maribyrnong River, was significantly inundated, causing damage to irrigation infrastructure, loss of top soil, loss of crops both in the ground at the time and those unable to be planted until 24 January 2023 when the irrigation infrastructure was repaired - yet we are, for some reason outside the geographical boundary of the Review !!

I submit that the review scope be amended to include:

1. All properties along the Maribyrnong River and inflowing creeks impacted by the flood event
2. All properties and businesses affected by the flood event
3. The management of Roslynne Reservoir, specifically water levels in the days/weeks preceeding 14 Oct 2022.
4. Flood warning processes and alerts to property owners and residents in the days leading up to and on 14 Oct 2022.

I also submit that the State Government and departments are insulting those impacted by this flood event who are currently excluded from this Review due to its narrow scope.

We all pay our council rates, federal and state taxes, Melbourne water licence fees where applicable, yet we currently have no official forum for our concerns to be reviewed to inform mitigations to minimise the risk and impact of future flood events.

I have attached a pdf file with photos of the flooding and impact this had on our property and the primary production being undertaken.

## Privacy collection notice

As part of the submission process you will be asked to provide your name, phone number and email, plus your address if you were directly impacted by flooding.

We're collecting this in case we need to verify or clarify the information you provide, including if the Review Panel wishes to conduct a one on one interview with you. It won't be used for any other purpose.

Our collection, use and disclosure of your personal information is regulated by Victorian privacy laws including the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic).

Please note that all submissions are public documents and will be placed online as part of the Review Panel process. Any identifying information will be redacted, and your name and contact information will not be shared.

By making a submission, you consent to Melbourne Water collecting any personal information which you provide in, and with, your submission.

For more information about how Melbourne Water protects your privacy view our [Privacy Policy](#).





Above: Pump & electric motor, immediately preceding Maribyrnong River flood



Mains power  
pole,  
switchboard  
to motor &  
pump

River water level rising, note mains power pole to irrigation switchboard at right, pump & motor out of sight on river bank below switchboard. This area subsequently flooded including switchboard.





Switchboard, pump & motor underwater



Cropped paddock underwater, river at left



Cropped paddock underwater, mains power pole in distance





Crop & top soil washed away







Tree limb in paddock, crushing irrigation “hurdle”







Note debris on power pole, switchboard, fallen tree



Damage & crop loss after water receded





Mains power pole, switchboard, pump installation at far right, debris evident on power pole strain wire



Fallen tree





Above & below: Broken irrigation upright to be reconnected to underground piping







Sprinkler head damaged & to be replaced