

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 (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 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)
[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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)
[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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.

Maribyrnong Floods: Failure Writ Large

I make this submission as a matter of record: I believe the Maribyrnong River Flood Event Independent Review conducted by Melbourne Water is an egregious and misconceived waste of money and effort. It is an appalling misread of what the community is asking for. It is remarkably disrespectful to a traumatised community. And breathtakingly ignorant of the meaning of "independent": For heavens' sake; do you think we are idiots?

On October 14, 2022, Melbourne Water had absolutely no idea what was going on – on any test, level, or standard. We were abandoned. The Maribyrnong Floods were a catastrophe and a comprehensive failure by Melbourne Water to do its job, writ large. I received no warning leading up to 14 October 2022. And on the day:

- 4:30 am text.
- 6:01 am text.
- No door knocking.
- 9:01 am house inundated.

Wilful Blindness & Conflicts of Interest

And then Melbourne Water set up an enquiry – expressly excluding:

1. Any specific policy responses.
2. Future potential mitigation measures such as additional flood walls, levees or dams.
3. Overall emergency responses including warnings and evacuation procedures.
4. Flood recovery.

And then Melbourne Water appointed a Head with a textbook conflict of interest.

And then the conflict was revealed by the media; it was a scandal and Melbourne Water had to accept the Head's resignation.

I look forward to making a submission to the Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee – Inquiry into the 2022 Flood Event in Victoria.

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](#).