

# 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: [Historical interest as a long term local resident who campaigned against the construction of the bund wall](#)

### 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.

I live at [REDACTED] and my property faces the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. My property rises from the [REDACTED] to my front gate, and then there are another 5 steps to my front door. My house and front yard were not affected by flood water at the time, however, water rose along the [REDACTED] on the day of the floods, such that two bluestone steps leading to my house were covered with flood water. The water continued to rise along the [REDACTED] making my house inaccessible via the front door. The water continued to rise up until approximately 7-8pm, at which time it seemed to start receding. My electricity was out from 12pm to 10pm.

The T-intersection at the southern end of [REDACTED], where I live, is at Hobsons Road. Hobsons Road was severely flooded on the day, with a height up to the door handle of a Range Rover vehicle. The volume of water rising on the day overcame the flood mitigation actions that have previously been undertaken. If the water had risen about another metre, the 'hump' in the road near the Bateman/Hobsons Roads intersection would have been overwhelmed and Bateman Road would have turned into a river, flooding all properties and garages along Hobsons Road.

I was [REDACTED] (the [REDACTED]) at the time the bund wall was conceived, developed and constructed. The [REDACTED] argued against the construction of the bund wall. We were terribly concerned at the

time that such a construction would affect the flow of the Maribynong River, with associated impact on local houses in the Kensington Banks area. The [REDACTED] met with VRC management at the time, arguing that a bund wall would have an adverse effect of the housing in the local community. As you know, three local councils all recommended that the bund wall should not be constructed.

The [REDACTED] did not have any technical reports or comments produced at the time. We were relying on the memory and knowledge of our local membership. We were convinced that a bund wall would contribute to future flooding of our local houses. The VRC knew our not unreasonable concerns at the time, so to hear the VRC say now that they were not aware of potential future adverse consequences is not accurate.

## 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](#).