

Maribyrnong River Flood Review

Community Bulletin – May 2023



- **Update on the Maribyrnong River Flood Review**
- **Shared Experience Report now available on YourSay**

Maribyrnong River Flood Review Progress Update

What's happened so far?

The review into the Maribyrnong River Flood Review is now well underway.

From January through to March 2023, Melbourne Water ran a two month consultation period where we met with over 110 people who participated in six community information sessions, we received over 60 submissions to the independent review, and heard from over 50 people who shared their stories and experiences of the flood event.

In April the 63 submissions to the independent review were published online.

Shared Experience report now available

This month, we've published a collation of the stories we heard of people's experiences of the flood event. You can access this on the YourSay engagement page - [Maribyrnong River Flood Review | Your Say | Melbourne Water.](#)

Thank You

Thank you to all those who participated in the consultation. The information and stories you shared with us have provided us with a rich understanding of the issues and challenges faced by our community during and after the flood and we are now working to identify improvements to address what we've heard. We know there is work to do.

Melbourne Water's submission to the independent Flood Review

Melbourne Water made a submission to the independent Review and will continue to provide further information as may requested by the Review Panel. Our submission is available online for the community to read and we will progressively release additional information as it becomes available. Follow our website to keep an eye out for new information as it becomes available.

What's happening next?

In April, we announced the appointment of the independent Review Lead, the Hon Tony Pagone who is a former Federal and Victorian Supreme Court Judge and King's Counsel whose experience includes serving as Chair of the 2019 Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

The submissions received to the independent Review have been handed over to the Review Lead and the work of the independent panel has begun with a tour of impacted areas and preliminary meetings with some submitters in early May. Over the coming months, the Panel will conduct further meetings, consultations or site visits and review all relevant information.

The Review Lead is now due to submit his report to Melbourne Water in October and we anticipate public release of the report in November 2023.

Key dates update

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| 17 Jan - 17 Mar | Public consultation and submissions period | ✓ |
| Apr | Submissions publicly released and provided to Review Lead | ✓ |
| May | Community Shared Experiences report published, update to community on progress with review | ★ |
| May - Aug | Review Lead considers submissions and all relevant information, conducts meetings, consultations or site visits as required | ☆ |
| Sep - Oct | Review Lead writes up report and submits report to Melbourne Water | ☆ |
| Nov | Anticipated public release of Review Report | ☆ |



Building back after the floods

If you are building back in a flood-affected area, you may find our guide to retrofitting your home a useful resource. Find out what to consider by downloading our guide - [flood resilient guide to retrofitting your home](#).

Or call us and we can post you a hard copy.

Being prepared for future floods

Know your flood risk and get prepared for future flood events. For more information:

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Where to go for further info

For more information and keep track of review progress, sign up to follow here:



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