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Murray River Group of Councils urge community voices in Basin Plan Review

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The Murray Darling Basin Authority yesterday released the 2026 Murray Darling Basin Plan Review, Discussion Paper. The Basin Plan Review will shape the river's future for decades and Murray River Group of Councils is calling on communities, landholders, businesses and industry stakeholders to have their say.

Murray River Group Chairperson, Cr Stuart King said this review marked a critical moment for the future of the Murray-Darling Basin - a system that underpins our environment, agriculture, towns and regional economies. The decisions made through this process will shape water management across the Basin for decades to come.

"The Murray River Group of Councils recognises the importance of achieving a balanced approach that protects the health of the river while also sustaining vibrant communities and productive industries that rely on it every day.

"We are strongly encouraging everyone with an interest in the Basin - from irrigators and environmental groups to tourism operators and residents - to read the review and lodge a submission.

"Local knowledge matters. The lived experience of Basin communities provides essential insight into how water policy works on the ground and helps ensure future decisions are practical, fair and sustainable," Cr King said.

Submissions are now open until 1 May. This is a vital opportunity for communities to influence the next version of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and improve the management of our rivers for the future.

The Murray River Group of Councils will continue advocating for outcomes that support healthy rivers and strong regional communities.

There are a number of resources available and details on how to make a submission, you can visit the official Basin Plan Review consultation webpage:

<https://getinvolved.mdba.gov.au/2026basinplanreview>



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