

# Community and stakeholder engagement

Barwon Water is committed to ongoing engagement with key stakeholders, customers and the community on the Anglesea borefield. This includes community oversight through the Anglesea River Advisory Group, engaging with Barwon Water’s Environmental Advisory Committee, government agencies, Traditional Owners and independent technical experts.

A series of community conversations will take place as part of the review process, so community members can have their say before the bulk entitlement review report is finalised and submitted to the Minister for Water in October 2024. This involves two key stages:

## February/March 2024

- Share an update on the bulk entitlement review process, groundwater model and environmental monitoring.
- Check in with community on any additional considerations into environmental monitoring and observations, to ensure all local knowledge and insights into the catchment are captured in the review.

## August/September 2024

- Present the draft bulk entitlement review report for questions and comments.

Between these stages, we will continue to keep the community updated via our website, local media and newsletters, and ongoing engagement with the Anglesea River Advisory Group.

In addition to early engagement led by Barwon Water, the community will have an opportunity to participate in a statutory submissions process that will be facilitated by Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action for any proposed bulk entitlement amendments.

## Previous engagement

The engagement program for the bulk entitlement review follows five years of community and key stakeholder engagement as part of commissioning and switching on the borefield in November 2019, in response to dry conditions and low water storages.



Angair wildflower weekend 2023 - community information stall

We have kept the community informed via information sessions, community pop-up stalls, updates on our Anglesea borefield web page, media releases, social media and community eNewsletters.

We are grateful for community input along the way, including observations on local ecology to assist our spring monitoring program.



Anglesea borefield community information session 2019