

4 April 2022

Bryce Wilde
 Executive Director
 Natural Resources Commission
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Dear Bryce,

Audit of the implementation of the Floodplain Management Plan for the Barwon Darling Valley Floodplain 2017

Thank you for your letter dated 14 March 2022 and the enclosed final report for implementation of the Floodplain Management Plan (FMPs) for the Barwon-Darling Valley Floodplain 2017 as required by Section 44 of the *Water Management Act 2000* (Act).

As requested, we have reviewed the report and provide the responses set out below:

WaterNSW notes that the audit concluded overall that on balance the provisions of the Plan have not been given full effect to in accordance with the Act. We also note that majority of main recommendations are addressed to DPE-Water as the coordinating agency. WaterNSW commits to working with DPE-Water and NRAR in the implementation of the recommendations.

Table 1 WaterNSW Response to Audit findings and Recommendations

Findings	Recommendations
<p>F2.2 Four current flood work approvals relating to structures in the Barwon-Darling floodplain are recorded in the Water Register, but have not been allocated against the Plan. There is a discrepancy between the number of approvals in the Plan at commencement and the number of approvals allocated to the Plan in the Water Register. This indicates there may be other approvals needing to be allocated to the Plan.</p>	<p>R2.2.1 WaterNSW (with the support of NRAR and DPE-Water) to identify any flood work approvals in the Plan area which are not assigned to the Plan area in approvals system and ensure that they are identified as such in the approvals system.</p>
<p>WaterNSW Comment: WaterNSW will review Flood Works in the Barwon Darling to determine those that have not been allocated to a plan.</p>	
<p>F 3 Mandatory conditions to give effect to flood work approvals (approvals) for the Plan were not applied</p>	<p>R 3.4 Upon completion of R3.1, R3.2 and R3.3, WaterNSW re-issue the statements of approvals to</p>

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in accordance with Section 100(1)(a) and Section 100 (1A) of the Act.	existing approval holders inclusive of mandatory conditions.
WaterNSW Comment: <i>WaterNSW is reliant on DPE-Water to develop and load mandatory conditions in WLS and thereafter will re-issue the statement of approvals to existing approval holders inclusive of mandatory conditions and an updated plan map. WaterNSW requires DPE-Water's completion of items R3.1, R 3.2 and R3.3 to write mandatory conditions and code item into WLS.</i>	

If you have any questions or comments on the above, please contact David Stockler, Executive Manager Customer and Community (david.stockler@waternsw.com.au; +61416182382).

Yours sincerely,



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