



# Charter

Lake Eppalock Land and On-Water Management Plan  
Implementation Group

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# 1. Constitution

- 1.1. There shall be a Lake Eppalock Land & On-Water Implementation Group (the “Implementation Group”)
- 1.2. The Implementation Group should include but not be limited to:
  - a) an impartial chair
  - b) community and commercial representatives from the near vicinity of **Lake Eppalock**
  - c) one representative from the **City of Greater Bendigo**
  - d) one representative from **Goulburn-Murray Water** (GMW)
  - e) one representative from **Coliban Water**
  - f) one representative from **Central Highlands Water**
  - g) one representative from the **North Central Catchment Management Authority** (CMA)
  - h) one representative from the **Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning** (DELW)

Additional representatives may be added at the discretion of the committee and with the approval of GMW.

- 1.3. Unless otherwise determined the Implementation Group will cease to exist if the Group is satisfied that its functions have been achieved.

# 2. Functions

The Implementation Group has the following functions in relation to **Lake Eppalock**:

- a) to provide advice to GMW’s representative
- b) to help guide the priorities for implementation of the **Lake Eppalock Land and On-Water Management Plan**
- c) to advise on community engagement activities, such as informing and raising community awareness on the importance of environmental issues in the local area
- d) provide feedback to community interest groups
- e) identify other environmental initiatives in the **Lake Eppalock** region and work collaboratively where possible
- f) provide advice on community consultation strategies and play an active role in on-going consultation
- g) help to develop a framework for evaluating progress

- h) monitor and evaluate the effective implementation of the plan.

The Committee will be pro-active in providing advice on all issues associated with the Land and On-Water Management Plan. Members are to ensure that all other Implementation Group members are kept informed of issues or concerns that may be raised.

### 3. Terms of Appointment

A member is appointed:

- a) through submission of a formal written application following a public call for Expressions of Interest by GMW and selection by an Agency selection panel;
- b) subject to endorsement of appointment by the GMW Board
- c) for an initial period not exceeding three years; or
- d) for the period of the Implementation Group's existence if this is less than three years; and
- e) on the terms and conditions set out in the Code of Conduct for the Implementation Group.

### 4. Validity of Proceedings

An act of the Implementation Group is not invalid only because there is a defect or irregularity in the election of a candidate or appointment of a member.

### 5. Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

- 5.1 **The City of Greater Bendigo** will nominate a Councillor to act as chairperson.
- 5.2 The Implementation Group must, at its first meeting in every year, appoint a member to be deputy chairperson.
- 5.3 A deputy chairperson holds office until the meeting of the Implementation Group at which the next appointment of a deputy chairperson is to be made.
- 5.4 A deputy chairperson who vacates that office is, if still a member, eligible for reappointment as deputy chairperson.
- 5.5 A deputy chairperson ceases to hold that office if he or she ceases to be a member of the Implementation Group.
- 5.6 A deputy chairperson may resign by notice in writing delivered to the GMW's representative
- 5.7 If at any meeting of the Implementation Group the chairperson is not present at the time appointed for holding the meeting, the deputy chairperson (or, in the absence of

the deputy chairperson, a member appointed by the member's present) must preside at the meeting.