

Stormwater Drainage Asset Management Plan

Submissions Summary Report

October 2025

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Introduction

On 19 August 2025 Council publicly notified the Draft Stormwater Drainage Asset Management Plan was available for review and comment and invited submissions. This was advertised in the Murray Pioneer & Leader Newspapers on 27 August 2025 & The Murray Valley Standard on 28 August 2025 (See **Attachment 1** - Public Notice).

Public notification was also published on Council's Facebook page on – 28 August, 10 September & 22 September 2025.

The Public Notice was emailed to the MMC Subscriber list (including all Associations) on 28 August 2025 and was published on the engagement page of Council's website from 27 August (with a tile on the front page of the website from 27 August)

In total six (6) submissions were received at the close of the engagement period.

Council has prepared a Submissions Summary Report. Council's summary lists the main points made by each submitter, and what outcome they seek from Council's decisions. All submissions are available in **Appendix 2**.

It should be noted that the Response and Action columns are draft recommendations presented to Council as part of the decision-making process. Consequently, Council may resolve to accept them with or without amendments in the final document.

Privacy

Please note that only the name and location of each submitter is detailed in the report. All personal details in the original submission contained in the appendices are redacted to maintain privacy.

Any commentary that is considered defamatory or inappropriate have been redacted.

Submission Summary and Response

Jason Valentine, Murbko

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
1.1	N/A	Unclear how the development will be funded and the impact on residents	An understanding on how the development will be funded and what the increases to rates will be	The <i>Stormwater Asset Management Plan</i> is currently unfunded as stated in the Plan. Funding of the AMP will be a decision of Council and will be considered as part of future Long Term Financial Plan deliberations, as are all AMPs. Council will actively pursue external funding opportunities for 100% grants. Subject to Council's decisions, the Stormwater AMP requirements will be incorporated into the LTFP and funded accordingly.	Council will actively seek external 100% grant funding for stormwater infrastructure.
1.2	N/A	Noted a disproportionate need in townships as opposed to shack communities	None listed	Rural environments have limited formal stormwater infrastructure provisions. Risk of inundation to be assessed in future iterations of the Plan.	N/A

Peter Fleming, Younghusband

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
2.1	N/A	Statement that Younghusband has no stormwater management	None listed	Rural environments have limited formal stormwater infrastructure provisions. Risk of inundation requirements to be assessed in future iterations of the Plan. Individual township stormwater management plans are a projected future provision to be defined when funding becomes available which will then provide for future outflow requirements.	N/A

Michael McDowell, Mannum

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
3.1	N/A	Would like to read the Draft Plan and then comment	None listed	No specific response provided on the draft Plan.	No action required

John, Blanchetown

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
4.1	N/A	Stated that no stormwater should be entering the River Murray	Fines from EPA for polluting waterways	New infrastructure provisions incorporate Gross Pollutant Traps (GPTs) in line with EPA guidelines pertaining to stormwater management. Individual township stormwater management plans are a projected future provision to be defined when funding becomes available which will then provide for future outflow requirements.	N/A

Mandy Toczek McPeake, Mannum

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
5.1	N/A	An open-ended drain on land between two properties in Mannum is not included in the Asset Management Plan to be addressed	Can this be evaluated and included in the remediation plan	The future infrastructure provision for this matter is catered for in the Walker Avenue Infrastructure Agreement in conjunction with the Developer as a holistic approach to stormwater matters pertaining to the site.	Continue to work with the Developer in conjunction with seeking funding for the Walker Avenue stormwater management.

Kitty Schiansky, Black Hill

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
6.1	N/A	For Council to think differently about stormwater management	Council to future proof urban areas and consider ideas from Water Sensitive SA when upgrading or replacing old assets and infrastructure	Water Sensitive Urban Design forms a strategic action in Council's Strategic Management Plan objectives. Stormwater harvesting, reuse and even CWMS water reuse are actions to be investigated within the SMP. Stormwater harvesting has recently been introduced into the Blanchetown Egerton Street roadside garden project where stormwater is captured and drains into the garden beds. Other towns with no or limited stormwater infrastructure are ideal for this concept (eg. Keyneton and Morgan).	Strategy to be considered as part of Strategic Management Plan.

Appendix 1

Public Notices

Advertised in Murray Pioneer & Leader Newspaper 27 August 2025 & Murray Valley Standard 28 August 2025 (see ad below):

The Murray Pioneer – 27 August 2025



Draft Stormwater Drainage Asset Management Plan

Mid Murray Council is inviting feedback from the community on the Draft Stormwater Drainage Asset Management Plan.

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Persons making a submission should indicate whether they wish to address Council by way of a deputation. Following the public consultation period, a further report will be submitted to Council to enable it to consider the submissions received.

For more information, contact Council's Asset Management Coordinator, Glenn Sanford on 8569 0100 or by email postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

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Appendix 2

Submissions Received

Mid Murray Your Say

Feedback Form - Draft Stormwater Drainage AMP Results

Aug 28, 2025 - Sep 22, 2025

Project: Draft Stormwater Drainage Asset Management Plan

Form: Feedback Form - Draft Stormwater Drainage AMP

Tool Type: Form

Activity ID: 27

Exported: 2025-09-26 08:23:16

Exported By: NVivian

Filter By: No filters applied.

Response No:
1

Contribution ID: 158

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Sep 22, 2025, 09:59 PM

Q1 First and Last Name

Short Text Kitty Schiansky

Q2 Suburb

Short Text Black Hill

Q3 Email

Email

Q4 Would you like to make a comment on the Draft Stormwater Drainage Asset Management Plan?

Long Text

I would like to draw council's attention to the website of Water Sensitive SA (WSSA), an organisation that has partnered with State and Federal Government, many local councils in South Australia as well as SA Water, SA Local Government Association and Landcare.

I believe some Mid Murray Council staff are familiar with this group, and strongly recommend that they, along with elected members have a look at the WSSA July 2025 newsletter titled "A new era for Integrated Water Management in South Australia."

Council should aim to future proof urban areas by utilising storm water to create urban wetlands and create cool, green spaces for new housing estates and council reserves, retrofit existing spaces where possible and for WSSA ideas to be considered when upgrading or replacing old assets and infrastructure. Storm water could be filtered and "banked" back into aquifers and rain gardens could become the norm.

It's time to think differently about storm water management.

Water Sensitive SA watersensitivesa.com

Thank you for the opportunity to have MY SAY in this matter.

Response No:
2

Contribution ID: 108

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Sep 13, 2025, 12:03 PM

Q1 First and Last Name

Short Text Mandy Toczek McPeake

Q2 Suburb

Short Text Mannum

Q3 Email

Email

Q4 Would you like to make a comment on the Draft Stormwater Drainage Asset Management Plan?

Long Text

Regarding the draft Stormwater Drainage Asset Management Plan, there is an open-ended drain on a piece of land between our back garden at [REDACTED] and the back garden of our neighbour at [REDACTED] Mannum.

Significant outflow from this drain after rain flows unimpeded across that neighbour's orchard block behind [REDACTED] [REDACTED] flooding across the next back garden and on into the property on the corner of Sickerdick Street and Walker Avenue, after which it flows into the street.

I know this has been brought to Council's attention several times over the past few years by affected residents and has been inspected more than once, yet I do not see it in the Asset Management Plan. Can this be evaluated and included in the remediation plan?

Response No:
3

Contribution ID: 100

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Sep 10, 2025, 05:29 PM

Q1 First and Last Name

Short Text John

Q2 Suburb

Short Text blanchetown

Q3 Email

Email

Q4 Would you like to make a comment on the Draft Stormwater Drainage Asset Management Plan?

Long Text

All councils should not have ANY stormwater entering the river murray . The algae bloom is a perfect example of what pollution's do to our waterways and then oceans. MMC has neglected stormwater run off or simply funneled it straight to the river for years and only now they think about it.. Many towns on teh river have no or very little stormwater management still to date. Should be fineable from the epa for polluting waterways.

Response No:
4

Contribution ID: 94
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Aug 30, 2025, 10:17 AM

Q1 First and Last Name

Short Text Michael McDowell

Q2 Suburb

Short Text Mannum

Q3 Email

Email

[REDACTED]

Q4 Would you like to make a comment on the Draft Stormwater Drainage Asset Management Plan?

Long Text I would like to read the Draft plan then comment.

Response No:
5

Contribution ID: 91

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Aug 28, 2025, 01:14 PM

Q1 First and Last Name

Short Text Peter Fleming

Q2 Suburb

Short Text Younghusband

Q3 Email

Email

Q4 Would you like to make a comment on the Draft Stormwater Drainage Asset Management Plan?

Long Text

What storm water management?

We don't have storm water management in Younghusband, that's only for Mannum as always our huge taxes go to support the bigger towns!!!

Response No:
6

Contribution ID: 90

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Aug 28, 2025, 11:29 AM

Q1 First and Last Name

Short Text Jason Valentine

Q2 Suburb

Short Text Murbko

Q3 Email

Email

Q4 Would you like to make a comment on the Draft Stormwater Drainage Asset Management Plan?

Long Text

It is not clear to me how this development will be funded and what the impact will be on residents. Very simply how is this to be funded and what's the incremental increase in council rates to fund such a large project. Also I see a disproportionate need in townships as opposed to shack communities. The value to the residence will vary enormously depending on location.