

We're about place

Victorian Catchment Management Authorities

Our 2026 snapshot



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The power of place.

From alpine country to coastal cities, volcanic plains to agricultural heartlands, Victoria is home to vastly different places.

Each of these places has its own character, its own community, and its own needs.

Across Victoria's ten catchment regions, it's the role of each Catchment Management Authority (CMA) to bring the local knowledge, relationships, and

on-ground capabilities to understand those needs, and keep them in balance.

Together, with Traditional Owners, partners and community we revitalise waterways, protect natural habitats, improve agricultural productivity and manage flood risks. It's all shaped by the needs of each catchment and community.

That's the power of a system built around place.

What place makes possible.

Across the state, Victoria's ten Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) deliver projects on the ground, resulting in:

Healthier landscapes

779,743 hectares protected

from pest animals, reducing pressure on native wildlife and ecosystems

58,914 hectares of weed control

giving native species more room to thrive

2,502 hectares of vegetation

established, protected, or enhanced, strengthening habitats for wildlife and biodiversity

41 threatened species

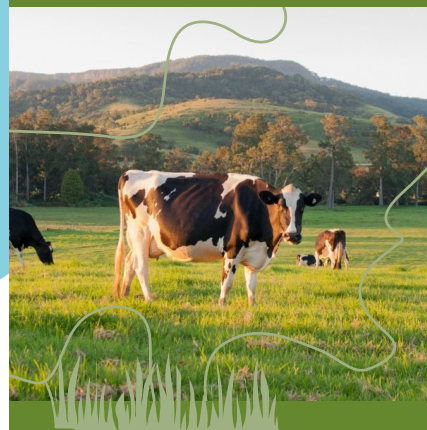
supported through CMA-led programs, including platypus, Hooded Plovers and native fish



More productive land

10,566 hectares under improved agricultural management

to support more resilient farming landscapes



637 hectares with improved grazing regimes

that support agricultural productivity

Acknowledgement of Victoria's Aboriginal communities

Victoria's CMAs acknowledge Aboriginal Communities and their rich culture and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge Aboriginal People as Australia's First Peoples and as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land, water and biodiversity on which we rely.

We recognise and value the ongoing contribution of Aboriginal People and Communities to Victorian life and how this enriches us. We embrace the spirit of reconciliation, working towards self-determination and ensuring an equal voice.

Safer, better-managed waterways

10,619 approvals and advice provided
to keep communities safe from floodwaters

4,115 assessments undertaken
to better understand catchment needs



Thriving communities working together

74,947 partners, landholders, community members and kids engaged in caring for our catchments

621 partnerships that extend our capabilities beyond what we can achieve on our own

226 plans developed to bring people together through integrated catchment management

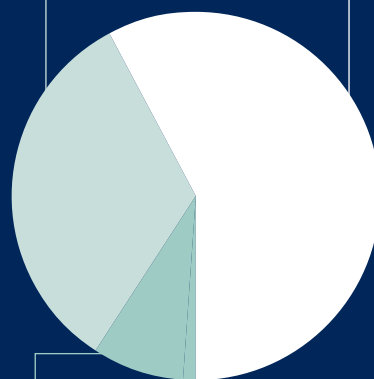
1,331 new publications that put knowledge into people's hands



\$167.8 million invested where it benefits the community

58.5% Victorian Government

33.5% Australian Government



8% Other contributions

Local expertise and experience and partnerships that turn investment into place-based action shaped by the needs of each catchment

Place gives us perspective.

No two regions are the same, and the way we care for them isn't either.

Victoria's largest catchment, stretching over 40,000km² along the Murray River from Nyah to the South Australian border.



Mallee

A massive region balancing internationally recognised environmental assets with diverse agriculture and a population of over 250,000.



A region that includes the Victorian Alps and supplies 38% of the Murray Darling Basin's water.

A significant irrigation area and food bowl for the region. It covers 24,000 km² with a population of 248,000.



80% publicly owned landscape of State forests, national, and coastal parks, including the Gippsland Lakes and six declared Heritage Rivers.

Wimmera

North Central

Goulburn Broken

North East

East Gippsland

Glenelg Hopkins

Port Phillip & Westernport

West Gippsland

Corangamite

One of Australia's most productive farming regions with 80% of land used for agriculture.

Volcanic plains, coastal environments, and the Otway Ranges create a rich and diverse landscape where over 78% of land is privately owned.



A predominantly agricultural region where land is an economic engine, and a source of livelihood.



A region that provides most of Victoria's electricity, 60% of Melbourne's water storage, and 23% of Australia's milk production.

Home to over 5 million people living alongside some of Victoria's most productive farmland and natural parks.



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