

Water for the environment – monitoring ecological outcomes

- Robust science
- Strong partnerships
 - Effective engagement
 - Informing management

WetMAP – Victoria's Wetland Monitoring and Assessment Program for environmental water

Demonstrating value from environmental water

WetMAP is funded as part of the Victorian Government's \$222 million investment over four years to improve the health of our waterways and catchments. It is a state-wide monitoring program assessing the ecological response of plants and animals to the delivery of environmental water in Victorian wetlands.

WetMAP aims to provide Catchment Management Authorities, Melbourne Water and the Victorian Environmental Water Holder with valuable information to make informed water management decisions. The current stage of WetMAP (2016-2020) includes watering-event based monitoring at watered and unwatered wetlands.

WetMAP aims to:

- improve our understanding of the relationship between water regimes, delivery of environmental water and ecological responses in wetlands
- determine whether current ecological objectives for environmental watering are being met
- inform the management of environmental water
- demonstrate to the community and water industry stakeholders the value of providing water to the environment to achieve healthy wetlands
- contribute to Victoria's reporting requirements for the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

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