

Water for the environment – monitoring ecological outcomes

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

VEFMAP – Victorian Environmental Flows Monitoring and Assessment Program

Demonstrating value from environmental water

VEFMAP is funded as part of the Victorian Government's \$222 million investment over four years to improve the health of waterways and catchments. Since its establishment in 2005, VEFMAP has provided Catchment Management Authorities, Melbourne Water and the Victorian Environmental Water Holder with valuable information to make informed water management decisions.

VEFMAP is now in Stage 6 (2016–2020) and includes a strong focus on flow-event based monitoring to quantify native fish and vegetation responses to environmental flow events.

VEFMAP Stage 6 aims to:

- improve knowledge about the response of fish and vegetation to environmental water
- improve planning, delivery and evaluation of environmental water management in rivers across Victoria
- demonstrate to the community and water industry stakeholders the value of providing water to the environment to achieve healthy rivers.

The program asks specific questions about the effects of providing environmental water for key indicator species of fish and vegetation, in a regional and river system context.

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