

# Our Catchments Our Communities



*Integrated Catchment Management in Victoria 2016-19*

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OCOC is Victoria's first state-wide Integrated Catchment Management (ICM) Strategy.

OCOC supports the implementation of waterway and catchment health directions in *Water for Victoria*, particularly “Invest in integrated catchment management”.

### *Purpose of OCOC*

- Strengthen the catchment management framework
- Improve partnerships & accountability
- Support on-ground delivery to achieve ICM outcomes

### *OCOC Directions*

**Goal 1.** Effective community engagement in catchment management

**Goal 2.** Better connections between state, regional and local planning

**Goal 3.** Strengthened implementation of Regional Catchment Strategies

**Goal 4.** Clearer roles, strengthened accountability and coordination

**Goal 5.** Improved monitoring, evaluation and reporting

## *Implementation*

### **Goal 1 – Effective community engagement in catchment management**

- Diversity and inclusion in participation and decision making
- New Catchments Leadership Development Grants program under way

### **Goal 2 – Better connections between state, regional & local planning**

- State and regional policies reviewed to understand opportunities/barriers
- Planning next generation NRM plans/ Regional Catchment Strategies

### **Goal 3 – Strengthened implementation of Regional Catchment Strategies**

- 19 new on-ground Integrated Catchment Management projects to support RCS implementation commenced (\$16m over four years).
- Strengthened regional engagement (\$4m over four years)

## *Implementation progress*

### **Goal 4 – Clearer roles, strengthened accountability & coordination**

- New regional Catchment Partnership Agreements
- First Annual Catchments Summit will take place on 29 June 2017.
  - Theme is ‘Working Better Together’.

### **Goal 5 – Improved monitoring, evaluation & reporting**

- CMA annual condition reporting guidelines
- Working on measures and standards for information, data and reporting

### *Improved State-wide strategy and investment*

\$22m allocated over 4 years for OCOC.

- \$200m over 4 years invested in improving health of waterways in regional Victoria
- \$48m for a sustainable irrigation future
- \$5.4m for flood and emergency risk resilience
- \$37.3m over 4 years is provided toward CMA corporate and statutory functions.
- \$86.3m over four years Victorian Biodiversity Plan and other reform initiatives
- \$18m in 2016-17 over four years support for Victorian Landcare Program.

This multi-year funding provides certainty to the Victorian NRM sector and gives opportunity to leverage and build on current and future Australian Government investment