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| <b>Copy</b>         | <p>In 2023 the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board will amend the Barossa Water Allocation Plan (WAP), a document that sets the rules for the sustainable use of prescribed water resources.</p> <p>A WAP considers the water requirements needed by ecosystems, sets out how much water is available for consumption and the principles that ensure a balance between environmental, social and economic needs for water.</p> <p>Once a WAP is in place, water is allocated to users and licensing arrangements guide water use by licensees.</p> <p>During the past 5 years, the Barossa has seen mainly below average rainfall, resulting in minimal flows through creeks and waterways and reduced recharge of aquifers. This has affected access to surface water by water users and ecosystems, and has seen groundwater levels decline and salinity levels rise.</p> <p>The Board is seeking community discussion and input into the proposed management options designed to address declining water reliability, ecosystem health and cultural and amenity values in the Barossa.</p> <p>To share your views about how to manage water resources in the Barossa Valley, go to <a href="https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/barossa-wap-amendment">https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/barossa-wap-amendment</a>.</p> |

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After reading the background information, there are options to complete a survey, ask a question and submit feedback.

The process of amending the Barossa WAP is also explained on Northern and Yorke Landscape Board's website:

<https://www.landscapesa.gov.au/ny/water/water-allocation-plans/barossa-wap>

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