

# Barossa residents asked to have their say on water...

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## Barossa residents asked to have their say on water allocations

COMMUNITY consultation has opened for the Barossa Water Allocation Plan Amendment, giving locals the opportunity to have their say.

The Barossa's Water Allocation Plan is a tool that manages the area's surface and groundwater resources, providing equitable allocation for users and maintaining the health of water dependent eco-systems.

As a result of climate and scientific data, the plan has been amended and designed to be more responsive to different environmental triggers.

"Rainfall, run-off and recharge have all declined in the Barossa in the past 30 years and that decline has been more severe than models predicted," Northern and Yorke Landscape Board general manager Tony Fox said.

"The amended plan aims to address this by allowing ongoing reviews and amendments within the life of the 10-year plan."

Those with questions or wish to discuss the plan can attend drop-in sessions hosted by the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board held in Lyndoch, Tanunda, Angaston and

Nurioopta on Thursday July 31 and August 1.

With the help of workshops, forums and surveys to present science and monitoring data, the board has been working on amending the plan since 2020.

The interests of First Nations people will be represented in the plan for the first time, following engagement from Ngadjuri, Peramangk and Kurna First Nations people to provide insight.

After public consultation, the board will seek approval from the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water.

Once the plan has been approved and put in place, water users will be able to apply for a license to transfer water between other users and other activities.

Residents can have their say by visiting [bit.ly/BarossaWAP](https://bit.ly/BarossaWAP) until the end of August 2025.

Registration and further details for the drop-in sessions can be found at [bit.ly/BarossaWAPsessions](https://bit.ly/BarossaWAPsessions)

For more information on the plan, visit [landscape.sa.gov.au/ny/water/water-allocation-plans/barossa-wap](https://landscape.sa.gov.au/ny/water/water-allocation-plans/barossa-wap)