



Media release

Environment and Planning Committee

Interim report on 2022 flood in northern Victoria

A parliamentary inquiry into the 2022 flood event in Victoria has tabled its interim report at the Legislative Council's regional sitting in Echuca.

The Upper House Environment and Planning Committee has made six findings primarily focused on northern Victoria.

Committee Chair Ryan Batchelor said the interim report is an acknowledgement of the enormous contribution of regional communities to the ongoing inquiry.

"Thank you to the hundreds of people who made a submission and took part in public hearings at Rochester, Echuca, Mooroopna near Shepparton and Seymour," he said.

The majority of the inquiry's 880 public submissions came from people directly affected by flooding.

"It could not have been easy to make a contribution whilst personally dealing with those challenges," Mr Batchelor said.

"We are grateful to those who could provide their insights and reflections."

Mr Batchelor said the final report, which is due to be tabled in parliament in mid-2024 will also consider the Maribyrnong River flood.

"It will have recommendations for government relating to both regional Victoria and Maribyrnong in three key areas of mitigation (including planning and preparedness), recovery and response," he said.

Go to the committee inquiry website to [read the full interim report](#).

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