

Expression of Interest

Community Advisory Panel members for the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth



Expressions of Interest are being sought from members of the Coorong, Lower Lakes, and Murray Mouth (CLLMM) community to fill two vacant positions on the CLLMM Community Advisory Panel (CAP).

The CLLMM CAP was first established as the 'Community Reference Committee' in 2006 before being re-formed as the 'CLLMM CAP' in 2011. CAP meetings provide a great opportunity for the exchange of information between the community and government. The panel aims to integrate community advice, values and perspectives into the ongoing management of water resources in the CLLMM region, with a particular emphasis on water for the environment. Panel members primarily provide advice on the water management activities of the South Australian Department for Environment and Water (DEW), and to a lesser extent the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) and Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH).

The CLLMM CAP is encouraging community members with a **passion for community participation** and **water resource management in the CLLMM region** to express their interest in filling the vacant positions in the group.

About the CLLMM

The Coorong and Lakes Alexandrina and Albert were first formally recognised as an internationally important wetland in 1985 under the Ramsar Convention. During 2006-2010, the Murray-Darling Basin, including the CLLMM region, experienced the most severe droughts in recent history, causing significant environmental, economic, and social impacts on the Ramsar site and broader region. Some of these impacts are still being felt today.

Through the delivery of water for the environment and the development and implementation of plans and strategies for the region, the ecology of the site has begun to recover. Water resource management also supports the economic, cultural, and social wellbeing of the region.

About The Living Murray

The Living Murray (TLM) initiative was established in 2003 by the (then) Murray-Darling Basin Commission, with the aim of initiating the recovery (or buy-back) of 500 gigalitres of water for the environment. This water would then be used, to help re-establish a healthy, working River Murray. This initial planning and water recovery is known as the 'First Step Decision' and is seen as a precursor to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. This water is utilised to meet the environmental needs of the CLLMM region and 5 other icon sites within the Murray-Darling Basin, including the River Murray Channel.

TLM is managed in South Australia by DEW, under the broader coordination of the MDBA. For the CLLMM region, the TLM Program is guided by an environmental water management plan which focuses on securing and delivering water for the environment to the CLLMM region, as well as undertaking ecological monitoring, working in consultation with the Ngarrindjeri community, and engaging the broader community in TLM activities.

More information about TLM can be found here: <https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/river-murray/improving-river-health/wetlands-and-floodplains/the-living-murray-program>.

You can access the Lower Lakes, Coorong and Murray Mouth Icon Site Environmental Water Management Plan here: [Lower Lakes, Coorong and Murray Mouth - Environmental Water Management Plan](#)

About the CLLMM Community Advisory Panel

The CLLMM CAP provides advice on water resource management and projects in the CLLMM, including operational considerations such as lake level management and barrage operations. The CAP also provides advice and feedback to other water resource management partners including the MDBA, CEWH and other DEW water management-related programs in the CLLMM region.

The Panel provides advice and advocacy regarding the timing, volume and magnitude of water for the environment delivered to the CLLMM by TLM and CEWH. This includes operational considerations to efficiently deliver the water and maximise ecological outcomes.

The CLLMM CAP works closely with the CLLMM Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) – a group of scientists who undertake monitoring and research in the CLLMM region. A representative from the Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation is also on the CLLMM CAP, providing cultural perspectives on water management in the CLLMM region.

Current CLLMM CAP members include representatives from farming, commercial fishery, irrigation and environmental groups, along with local council and government organisations.

You can access recent communiques from joint CLLMM CAP and SAG meetings here: [Department for Environment and Water - Community involvement](#)

Role Description

You will need to be available to meet bi-monthly, with the next meeting scheduled in August 2026. CLLMM CAP meetings usually take place in Langhorne Creek and joint CLLMM CAP/SAG meetings are usually held at the South Australian Research and Development Institute at West Beach. Once a year, CLLMM CAP members attend a field trip in lieu of a meeting.

Fuel reimbursement is available for travel to and from meetings if travelling more than 40 km from your home location. Attendance at CLLMM CAP meetings is on a voluntary basis, with the potential for some commitments outside of scheduled meetings.

Key responsibilities of panel members include:

- representing a range of community and stakeholder views in relation to the environmental, economic and social benefits or impacts of planning and development of projects or on-ground operations within the CLLMM region
- disseminating information within the community on projects and water resource management operations within the CLLMM region, in a way that promotes clear understanding of context and rationale for decisions, and enhances community ownership and support
- providing advice and feedback regarding community attitudes, issues and expectations of projects and initiatives within the CLLMM region
- providing advice regarding opportunities to address community information needs, participation and involvement in projects.

How to Apply

Please provide a short 1-2 page summary introducing yourself and addressing the following:

- any relevant experience working/living within the CLLMM region
- any relevant knowledge or experience in water resource management
- your ability to provide advice and feedback regarding community perspectives
- your links to broader community networks or initiatives
- your understanding of the key environmental, social, cultural and economic issues influenced by water management in the CLLMM region

Candidates will be assessed against the following criteria as part of the selection process:

- represents a section (e.g. social, economic or cultural interest) of the CLLMM community and is passionate about the CLLMM environment
- demonstrated experience and interest in providing community perspectives and advocacy
- proven ability to provide advice and feedback regarding CLLMM community perspectives, preferably in relation to water resource management
- sound understanding of water resource management and environmental, social, cultural and economic issues affecting the CLLMM region

Applications will be considered by DEW representatives and the CLLMM CAP chair. Please submit your expression of interest via email to dew.ewater@sa.gov.au by 5.00pm 13 July 2026.

For further information, please contact:

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