



## Shepparton Irrigation Region Land and Water Management Plan 2050

In the late 1980s, the Shepparton Irrigation Region was facing significant threats from salinity and waterlogging. In response, the community drove the development of a plan that would address the threats and the result was the 1990-2020 SIRLWMP (Shepparton Irrigation Region Land and Water Management Plan).

The plan adapted and changed over the 30 years to become an integrated, adaptive and resilience-based approach to natural resource management in the SIR.

Community and governments worked together to achieve outcomes across a range of critical attributes.

In 2020, the achievements from the Plan over 30 years were collated into a summary document called 30 Years Done! It outlined the history of the Plan and celebrated what could be achieved when communities and governments work together. It told the story of meaningful and enduring change in the region's environment and socio-economic systems.

While there have been many achievements and improvements in natural resource management in the Shepparton Irrigation Region (SIR) over 30 years, there is more work to do. That work will focus on the important role of Traditional Owners and the impacts of climate change on water availability, native vegetation, water quality and farm and regional viability.

The Shepparton Irrigation Region People and Planning Integration Committee, which oversees the implementation of the SIRLWMP has now commenced the renewal process. It is expected that a resilience approach will again help shape the thinking around the region's current position, future pathways and a plan to achieve long term outcomes.

During 2022 and 2023 there will be many conversations with a wide range of stakeholders to identify the challenges and opportunities in the SIR.

It is hoped that a draft of the renewed SIRLWMP will be available for community comment in late 2023 and a final approved by the GB CMA Board in 2024.

