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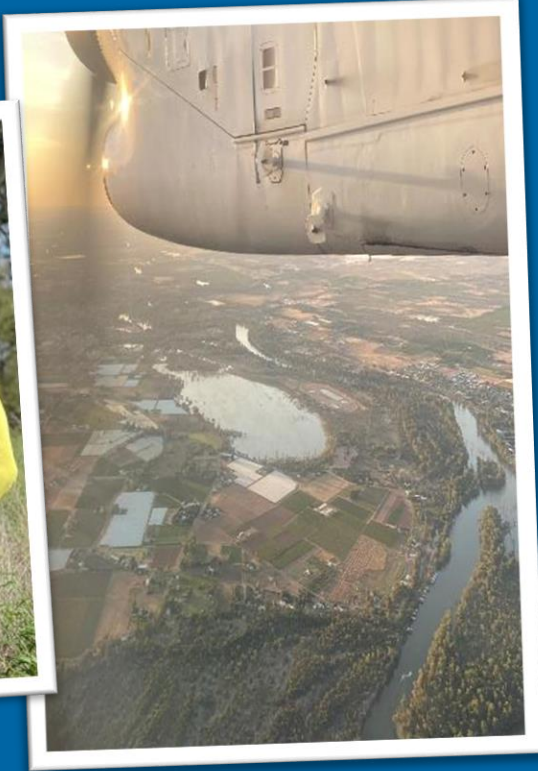
## *Acknowledgement of Country*

I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we are meeting, the Ngarrindjeri people, and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Our First Nations People are the most successful environmental custodians on earth.











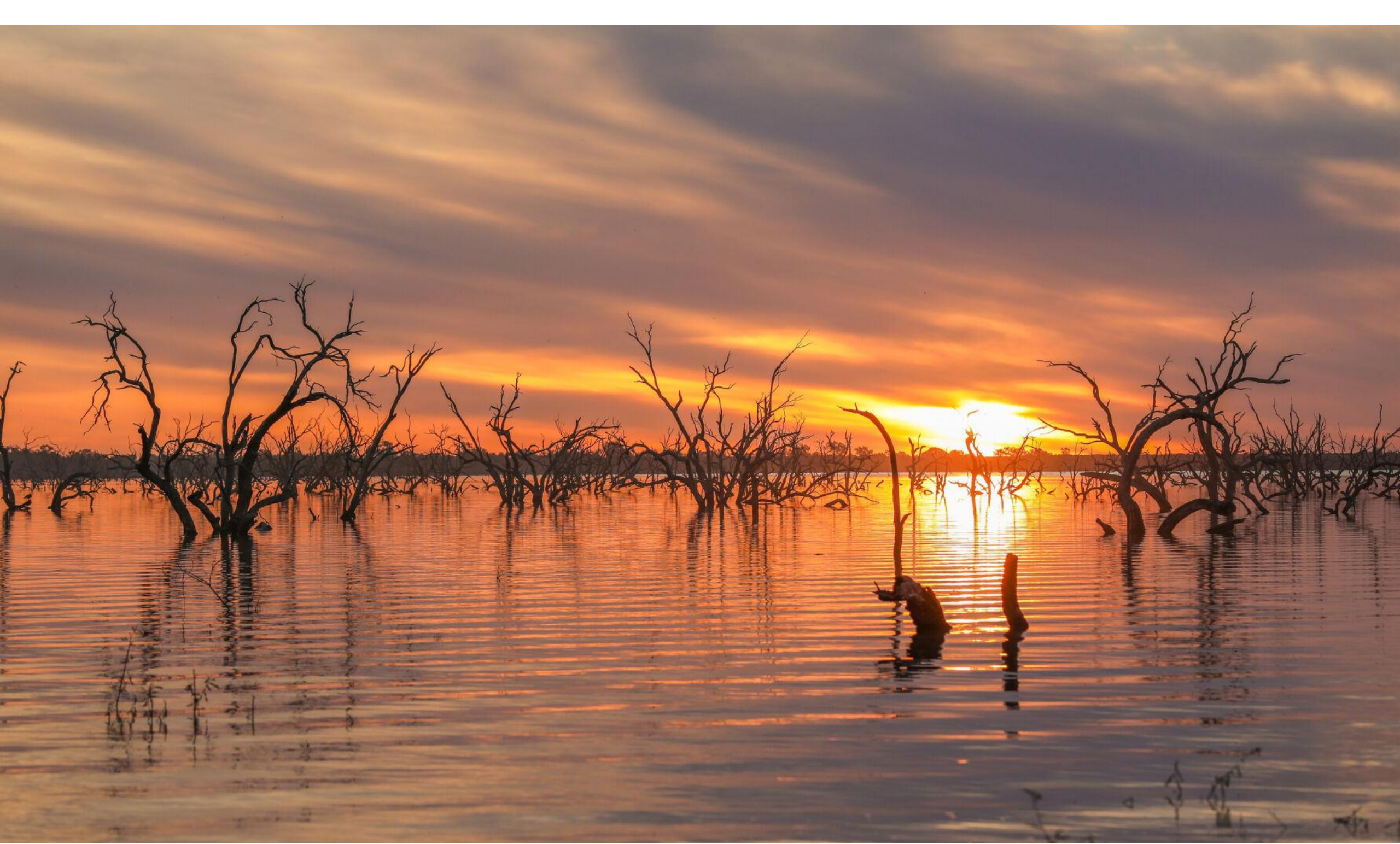








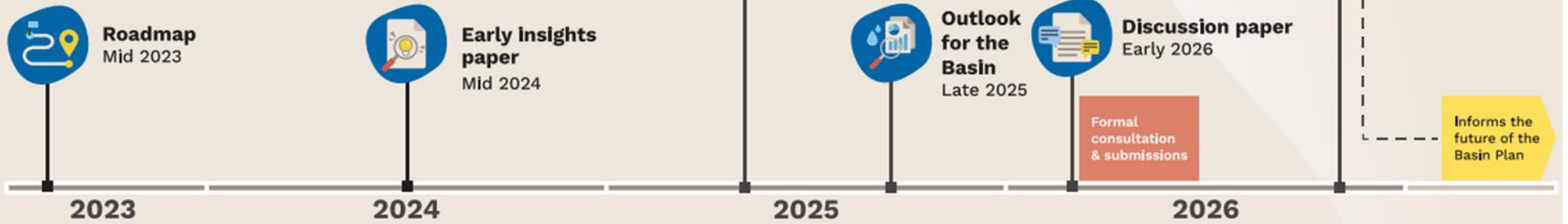








## Basin Plan Review timeline



Over the next 3 years, we'll be gathering and sharing information that will form critical inputs to the development and consultation on the 2026 Basin Plan Review.

We'll gather a wide range of social, economic, environmental and cultural inputs to ensure we're using the best information available.

This information, together with our existing programs, including the Murray–Darling Water and Environment Research program, Sustainable Yields study and Sustainable Rivers Audit, will provide a wealth of knowledge and help us describe the outlook for the Basin.

We must test and explore what this knowledge means for the Basin and its management.

We're committed to listening, learning and making decisions based on what we've heard, in conjunction with the best available knowledge and evidence.

## Key steps in the Review



### Basin Plan Evaluation

Mid 2025

The Evaluation will play a critical role in tracking and communicating progress and achievement against the outcomes set out in the Basin Plan. The Evaluation will also identify potential improvements to the Basin Plan, which will inform the Basin Plan Review.

*We must take stock of what has worked, and what hasn't. We will listen to what you say and learn from you.*



### Outlook for the Basin

Late 2025

Research will contribute to our shared understanding of the condition and trend of environmental, social, economic and cultural values in the Basin. We'll assess risks to these values, and provide insights into the future condition of the Basin.

*Together, we'll test and explore what this knowledge means for the Basin and its management.*



### Basin Plan Review

Early insights paper – Mid 2024

We will share our early thinking on the Basin Plan Review to build understanding of the issues so everyone can participate fully in the consultation.

Discussion paper – Early 2026

Using supporting knowledge and evidence we will outline options that we are considering, to support formal consultation.

Basin Plan Review: Final Report – Late 2026

The final report will detail our view on the Basin Plan, and recommend changes for adaptive management of the Basin's water resources into the future.

*We will work with others, test evidence with communities, and provide the opportunity for your lived experience to inform our recommendations.*



*Thank you*

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