

Audit of floodplain management plans under Section 44 of the Water Management Act 2000

NSW floodplain management plans are valid for 10 years from their commencing date. Within the first 5 years of a plan's term, the Natural Resources Commission audits it to determine whether the plan's provisions are being put into practice.

The current schedule for plan audits required under section 44 of the *Water Management Act 2000* is outlined in Table 1.

Table 1. Schedule for floodplain management plan audits

| Floodplain Management Plan | Audit date (plan to be audited in the five years prior to the specified date below) | Audit status |
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| Floodplain Management Plan for the Gwydir Valley Floodplain 2016 | Due by August 2021 | Completed (August 2021) |
| Floodplain Management Plan for the Barwon-Darling Floodplain 2017 | Due by June 2022 | Completed (March 2022) |
| Floodplain Management Plan for the Upper Namoi Valley Floodplain 2019 | Due by June 2024 | Completed (January 2023) |
| Floodplain Management Plan for the Lower Namoi Valley Floodplain 2020 | Due by September 2026 ¹ | Completed (January 2023) |
| Floodplain Management Plan for the Border Rivers Valley Floodplain 2020 | Due by September 2026 ¹ | Not commenced |
| Floodplain Management Plan for the Macquarie Valley Floodplain 2021 | Due by September 2027 ¹ | Not commenced |

You can access reports for completed audits on the Natural Resources Commission [website](#). Note that as floodplain management plans for southern valleys are replaced, this document will be updated to include the relevant audit schedule.

¹ In accordance with section 43 of the *Water Management Act 2000*, where a plan commences on a date after 1 July of the year, the plan has effect for 10 years from the 1 July next after the date the plan commenced.