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Subject: **Have your say on Council's draft Conservation and Wetlands Community Land Management Plan**

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The Rural City of Murray Bridge is inviting community feedback on two revised Community Land Management Plans (CLMPs), following further review and amendment in response to feedback received during a previous public consultation process.

The *Conservation and Natural Reserves CLMP* and the *Wetlands, River and Lake Frontage Reserves CLMP* were among 11 draft plans consulted on earlier this year. Following a Council meeting held on 13 April 2026 and community feedback, the two plans have been reviewed, updated and a draft consolidated plan is now being released for public consultation.

Community land is held for the benefit of the community and is intended to remain in Council ownership or care for its designated purpose. Under the Act, councils are required to prepare and adopt CLMPs for land that is developed or occupied under a lease or licence. These plans must be developed in consultation with the community and can only be amended or revoked following further public consultation unless changes are considered minor.

Feedback on the two plans received during consultation suggested there may be value in consolidating plans covering land with similar uses and management values. Community feedback also highlighted opportunities to review and strengthen the performance targets and measures included in the plans.

In response to this feedback, Council Administration reviewed both plans and has combined them into a single **Conservation and Wetlands Community Land Management Plan**. The performance targets and measures have also been reviewed and updated.

The land included within the new consolidated plan is similar in nature and management requirements, providing a more streamlined and consistent approach to management.

Key features of the revised plan include:

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- A consistent structure and clearer, simpler language
- Consolidation of land with similar uses and management objectives
- Alignment with current legislation and Council policies
- Updated performance targets and measures
- Greater transparency around land use and management

A CLMP helps ensure:

- The land is protected for public benefit
- The purpose of the land is clearly defined
- Any leases or licences are transparent
- The community has input before major decisions are made
- There is an additional statutory step before Council can dispose of land

Rural City of Murray Bridge Mayor Wayne Thorley said the revised plan reflects Council's commitment to listening to community feedback.

"Council has listened to the community and used it's feedback to improve the plans. Bringing them together gives us a more consistent approach to managing these areas and helps make the plan easier to understand" Mayor Thorley said.

"We encourage anyone with an interest in these important environmental and conservation areas to review the revised plan and share their feedback."

Council is now inviting feedback on the draft Conservation and Wetlands Community Land Management Plan.

Community members can view the draft plans and provide feedback via Council's consultation portal letstalk.murraybridge.sa.gov.au and paper copies can be found at the Local Government Centre and the Murray Bridge Library.

Feedback on the plan can be provided via:

- letstalk.murraybridge.sa.gov.au
- council@murraybridge.sa.gov.au
- Post: Rural City of Murray Bridge, PO Box 421, Murray Bridge SA 5253

Consultation closes 5pm 6 November 2026.