

Progress update – January 2023

Update on implementation of the 19 key recommendations from the Claydon Review

Key messages

- The department planned to implement the 19 key recommendations from the Claydon Review by December 2022, however, there have been, and will continue to be, delays due to flooding.
- The department has revised the project plan to account for the delays, shifting the expected completion date for most of the recommendations from December 2022 to mid-2023.
- Since the July 2022 update, some progress has been made on recommendations 4, 6 and 19a.

Delays

Flooding across NSW has consumed staff resources within the department and WaterNSW. This has reduced the availability of staff to address the recommendations as planned. The flooding has also shifted stakeholder's priorities to flood management and recovery, making stakeholder engagement on the Claydon Review recommendations inappropriate. It is expected that flooding delays will continue in 2023 and could further impact the delivery of the recommendations.

Revised project plan

Phase 2 of the project was initially planned to end in October 2022. Publication of the final implementation report/project completion was planned for December 2022. We are extending Phase 2 to mid-2023 to account for the flooding delays however, it is possible that some engagement-related recommendations may not be complete by this time. A final implementation report will be published once the recommendations have been completed and/or addressed.

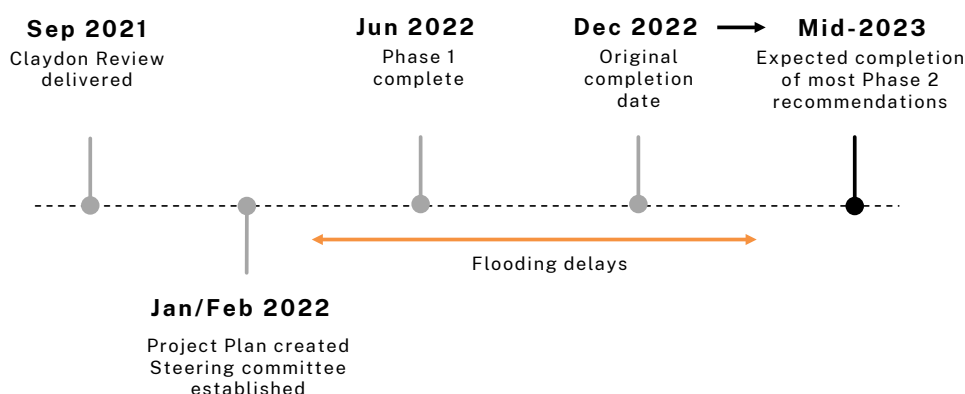


Figure 1. Revised project timeline

Progress updates

Despite the delays, progress has been made on several recommendations since July 2022:

- Recommendation 6 – WaterNSW and DPE-Water have made progress on the system requirements to enable temporary trade of IDECs
- Recommendations 4, 6 and 19a – Public exhibition for the proposed Barwon-Darling water sharing plan amendments (relating to these three recommendations) has closed and the amendments are awaiting approval from relevant ministers.

Further information

See the full Claydon Review here:

- [*Independent Assessment of the Initial Implementation of the Resumption of Flows Rule, IDECs and Active Management in the Barwon-Darling: 01 December 2020 to 31 March 2021*](#)

See further information about the project to implement the 19 key recommendations from the Claydon Review here:

- [*Webpage - Claydon Review*](#)