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### HAVE YOUR SAY ON FUTURE PLANS FOR SNOWY CREEK

Mitta residents and people who enjoy fishing and camping along the Snowy Creek can contribute to a new water quality plan being developed for the area.

The North East CMA is developing a Waterway Action Plan for the Snowy Creek catchment to help improve overall waterway health.

The CMA has established a community reference group comprising local farmers and representatives from the Department of Sustainability & Environment (DSE) who are providing input to the plan.

The final Waterway Action Plan will outline strategies and actions that can be undertaken to address key threats to water quality.

“At this stage, we have identified that the spread of exotic weeds, particularly willows, are threatening the health of Snowy Creek,” said CMA Waterways Project Officer, Mr Anthony Wilson.

“We’re keen to hear if locals think there are other threats that we also need to address.”

The North East CMA had secured funding of \$45,000 to implement the Snowy Creek Waterway Action Plan.

In coming weeks CMA works crews will begin willow control in the local area.

“Due to the favourable seasonal conditions, our community reference group has endorsed preliminary works to control willows and other exotic weeds at the Lighting Creek - Snowy Creek confluence,” said Anthony Wilson.

“While infestations are relatively low at this popular picnic spot, we want to treat the willows and other exotic vegetation to prevent it from spreading down the system towards the Mitta township. We have identified that working from the “top down” is the most cost effective and strategic way to stop weeds spreading throughout the Snowy Creek.”

Interested people can view the draft Snowy Creek Waterway Action Plan via the North East CMA website [www.necma.vic.gov.au](http://www.necma.vic.gov.au) or attend an information session at the Mitta Anglers Club meeting on Tuesday, 8 September at 7pm.

Comments about the Waterway Action Plan can be posted to: Anthony Wilson, North East CMA Waterways Project Officer, PO Box 616 Wodonga Vic 3689 Email responses can be sent to [necma@necma.vic.gov.au](mailto:necma@necma.vic.gov.au).

The closing date for comments is **Friday, 11 September 2009**.

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