



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### HAVE YOUR SAY ON FUTURE PLANS FOR UPPER KING RIVER

Cheshunt and Whitfield stores will offer more than groceries and newspapers next week.

Representatives from the North East CMA will visit both stores on **11 September** to answer questions about a Waterway Action Plan being developed for the Upper King River.

Members of the local community can provide feedback on a draft of the Plan through until 18 September.

The final Waterway Action Plan will list various actions that farmers, community groups, DSE and the North East CMA can undertake along the Upper King River to address key threats to water quality.

The North East CMA has secured \$40,000 funding for the implementation of the Upper King River Waterway Action Plan in 2009/2010.

“We’ve identified several threats already,” said North East CMA Waterways Project Officer, Ms Rebecca Damm.

“We’re particularly concerned about the ongoing impacts of the 2006/07 fires, including the emerging spread of exotic weeds that are beginning to take hold in the river system since the changed conditions along the waterway post fires,” said Rebecca.

Local farmers and interested community members can view and discuss the draft Waterway Action Plan with CMA staff next week or download it from the North East CMA website - [www.necma.vic.gov.au](http://www.necma.vic.gov.au)

Representatives from the North East CMA will be available to discuss the draft plan at the following times on Friday, 11 September:

- **Whitfield store** :10am – midday
- **Cheshunt store** : 1 – 3pm

Comments and feedback are welcome and should be directed to: Ms Rebecca Damm, North East CMA Waterways Project Officer, PO Box 616 Wodonga Vic 3689.

The closing date for comments is Friday, 18 Sept 2009.

The North East CMA will finalise the Waterway Action Plan by 23 September. The final Plan will be posted on the CMA website and sent to all community reference group members.

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**Photo opportunity:** Community Reference Group members are available today (**Tuesday 1 September**) between 11am -12 noon at Cheshunt Swimming Hole, Cheshunt – the swimming hole is just upstream of the bridge crossing the King River in Cheshunt.

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