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This email newsletter is published by the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) to update the community about work being done to secure the future of the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth (CLLMM) region as a healthy, productive and resilient wetland of international importance.

Currency Creek regulator removal

The project to remove the Currency Creek regulator is underway.

Maritime Constructions, which will undertake the removal work for the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR), has taken possession of the area, and will begin site preparations.

This will include work such as the erection of fencing and moving equipment to the site. It's likely there'll be more truck movements in the area as the preparation continues. The dredging work to remove the regulator won't start until the preparations have been completed.

The aim of the removal project is to restore as near as practicable the pre-construction bathymetry of the site, with the project to be undertaken in four stages.

Stage 1 involves relocating the mud wave of creek bed sediment which was formed during the regulator's construction. This material will be moved to an area within Currency Creek, and will remain underwater.

Stage 2 involves the removal and disposal on land of the sand material introduced during construction. This material – as a slurry – will be piped to a private property, where it will be de-watered and the water returned to Currency Creek. The returned water will meet EPA guidelines.

Stage 3 involves pushing the mixed material (i.e. construction sand and creek bed sediment) into the void space created by the removal of the regulator, and Stage 4 involves removing the fabric and rock material, with the rocks to be trucked to the same private property being used for the disposal of the slurry.

The dredging operation will be undertaken on a 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week basis to ensure the project is completed as quickly as possible (estimated to be four months), subject to weather conditions and any other unforeseen impacts.

A boating exclusion zone already exists around the regulator, which will continue to be enforced during the removal project.

DEWNR will continue to keep the community informed about the project through regular *Community Updates* and through the Lakes Hub at Milang.

More information

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