Murray River Action Plan

Project Proponent: Department of Environment and Conservation, Peel-Harvey Catchment Council
Location: Lower Murray River, Swan Coastal Plain
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Project Summary
In order to prioritise on-ground restoration works on the Murray River, an assessment of foreshore condition and ownership/vesting was completed between the Peel Inlet and the Pinjarra Weir. The assessments were compiled into a River Action Plan that outlines threats, assets, issues and actions required.

On-ground outcomes of the project include increasing bank stability, improving habitat and ecological corridor status and reducing nutrients entering the river. The Action Plan has also allowed partners to target and prioritise on-ground work together to improve water quality and protect the region’s natural assets.

To January 2007, nearly ten kilometres of foreshore has been revegetated on both public and private land and more than thirty thousand sedges and rushes have been planted to protect the river banks from erosion. In addition, 2.5 kilometres of baffle boards have been installed to reduce the impact of boat wake on the banks. An accessible example of these works can be seen at foreshore Reserve 2125 in the Murray River Country Estate.

A continuation of the Murray River Action Plan is currently being undertaken between Pinjarra and the Darling Scarp to determine priorities for future on-ground works.