

# Yatco Wetland Management Plan



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**Note:**

As shown in section 2.1 this wetland management plan encompasses the wetland areas of the Yatco Lagoon, as well as those floodplain areas which lie between the two lagoons and the River Murray.

Within the text, 'Yatco Lagoon' refers to the wetland-floodplain complex as a whole, whereas 'wetland' and 'lagoon' refer only to the wetland area which is inundated at River Murray pool level and during small flood events. 'Floodplain' refers to the area of higher elevation, which is inundated during larger flood events.