



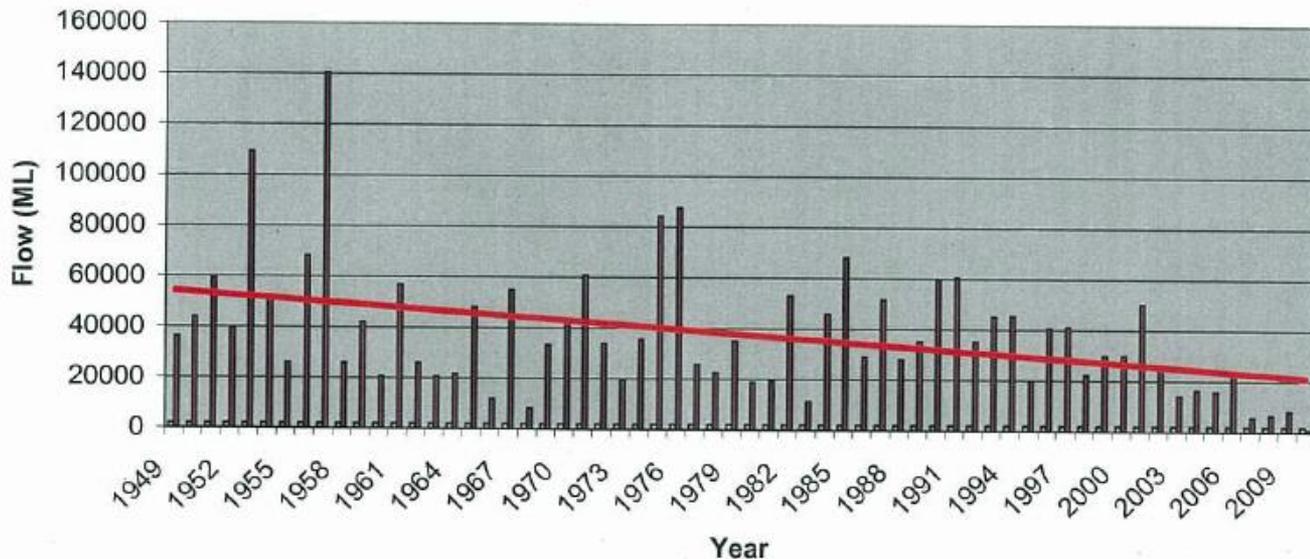
**Snowy
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Climate Change Forum

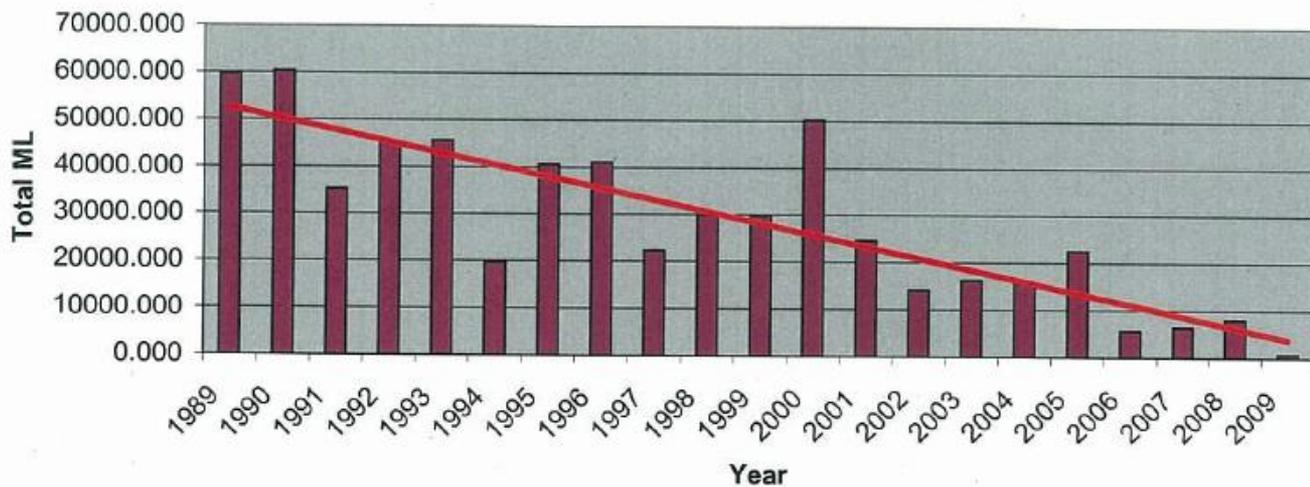
29 April 2019

Adelong Creek flow data and trends

Adelong Creek Flow Data



Adelong Creek 20 Year Flow Trends



Aims for the session

1. Share information on climate change through presentations and discussions with local and national experts.
2. Share Snowy Valleys Council's current and future climate change management activities.
3. Generate discussion on and capture data on the community's perceptions and concerns around climate change and the effect it is having on our region.
4. Collaboratively develop a summary of issues, opportunities and priorities that can be used to inform climate change risk assessment, funding applications and action planning.
5. Develop a partnership approach to climate change management that reflects wider community and business ownership.

Agenda for the day

Time	Topic	Speaker
10.00am	Acknowledgment of Country and Introduction	SVC Mayor James Hayes
10.05am	Welcome, objectives and rules of engagement	Mary Hoodless
10.10am	Office of Environment and Heritage Climate Change Adaption Team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Climate Change? • Climate projections • Impacts of Climate Change • Adapting to Climate Change 	Melinda Hillery – NSW Government Office of Environment and Heritage
10.30am	Climate Proofing in the Snowy Valleys Region	Adjunct Professor Peter Waterman – Charles Sturt University Institute for Land, Water and Society
11.00am	Presentation from SVC to discuss current and future climate change activities.	Matt Christensen – Snowy Valleys Council
11.15am	Panel Discussion with guest speakers and local climate change researchers and leaders.	Panel
12pm -1pm	Lunch	
1pm -3pm	Workshop: Climate change issues, priorities and potential actions	Forum attendees workshop session
3pm	Brief overview of what have been identified as priorities, confirm next steps and close of forum.	Snowy Valleys Council

SVC Climate Change Activities

- Climate change planning is currently embedded into our everyday operations
- Asset Management and operational focus
- Our current climate change adaptation activities include:

Mitigation (reduction of impacts)	Adaptation
Installation of solar panels on our buildings	Asset management renewals
Energy management workshops and guidance	Growth planning and ongoing impact assessments
Sustainability planning	Updating risk assessments
Water saving device introduction	Supporting industry transitions
Waste education and silage recycling	Identifying alternate agricultural opportunities

Waste Management

We are investigating a number of options to improve the way we manage waste, including:

- Increasing recycling capabilities
- Introduction of green and organic waste bins and processing facilities
- Supporting better waste behaviours through education (that can lead to reduced costs)
- Improve landfill operations and management

SVC Climate Change next steps

- We want to do more in this area, but we are constrained by funds and resources
- We are pursuing funds and partnerships to develop targeted climate change projects and an overall action plan
- This forum is a key part of the process:



This feeds into our growth planning, sustainability planning, asset management and service management planning

SVC Climate Change partnerships

- We see community, government, business and industry group partnerships as critical for success
- Climate change action is most successful under shared ownership
- We are working with our existing and targeted partners to take a wider approach, including:
 - Regional Development Australia – Riverina
 - NSW Office of Environment and Heritage
 - The Canberra Joint Organisation
 - Landcare groups
 - Local businesses
 - NSW Office of Water
 - Regional Development NSW
 - CSU
 - SEGRA

Next steps

- Document our priorities and share them with this group
- Complete our Climate Change Risk Assessment in May & June
- Apply for funding to deliver priority projects
- Develop a broader Climate Change Action/Proofing Plan by late 2019
- Continue working with a regional representative group to develop and deliver this