

STORM & FLOOD RECOVERY

Energy, Environment and Climate Change Portfolio

The 2021 June and October storms and floods impacted approximately 3.3 million hectares across Victoria, including 1.97 million hectares of public land managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and its portfolio agencies.

This is a snapshot of our work up to end of April 2022 within the Energy, Environment and Climate Change portfolios, led by regional crews and Forest Fire Management Victoria personnel, to make these areas safe to access and enjoy once again.

Cultural Heritage Assessments

198 Aboriginal Heritage Places assessed in partnership with First Peoples.



Visitor assets

186 of 217 (86%) recreation sites and **147** of 174 (84%) walking tracks made safe and fully reopened.



Energy restoration

Over **336,000** customers reconnected after June event

- 50% within 3 days & 100% within 27 days.

Over **750,000** customers reconnected after October event

- 50% within 2 days & 100% within 12 days.



Bridges and crossings

53 of **88** bridges and crossings repaired and reinstated. Detailed assessments and values checking is underway at impacted sites across the state.



Habitat provision

Hollows have been carved and nesting boxes installed for threatened species, including Greater Glider, Powerful Owl and Brush tailed Phascogale, in areas where storms damaged habitat.

Lady Talbot Drive

Treatment of hazardous trees is underway and will be complete by 30 June 2022. Following the annual seasonal road closure, road and walking track improvements will be complete by December 2022.

Emergency energy supply

186 generators deployed after the June storms and **27** generators deployed after the October storms to provide essential energy supply.



Roads

5,664km of 7,280km (78%) park and forest roads reopened to the public.



Storm debris

5,787km of public land roads cleared of hazardous trees posing safety risks to community.



Access for emergency services

93% of the impacted strategic fire access network reopened to provide critical access to emergency and firefighting services.



Yallourn Energy Management

Engineering assessment of the Morwell River Diversion completed. Planning to safeguard the Yallourn Power Station against future flood events is nearing completion.



Protection for native fish

Works have been conducted to restore aquatic fish barriers to prevent invasive fish species and preserve river health and native fish populations. This includes undertaking surveys to understand the status of existing fish populations and assessing how they can be protected in future flood events.

Ballarat

Melbourne

Yallourn Power Station

Traralgon

June 2021: ● >50mm rainfall ● >100mm rainfall