

Policy – public consultation on applications

Policy	<p>When Southern Rural Water receives applications for new or amended licences or transfers, it will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Take into account any consultation standards/requirements in Ministerial policies.▪ Where appropriate, use a public consultation process appropriate to the size and nature of the application (noting that not every application will require a public process).▪ Clearly state that applicants and interested parties can seek formal review of our decision via the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
Definitions	<p>Public consultation process means following International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) principles. Generally, our processes can include neighbour notification, newspaper advertising, referral to agencies, public meetings and/or open houses.</p>
Effective date and review date	<p>This policy takes effect on 6 September 2012.</p> <p>It is due for review in September 2015.</p>
Who is affected	<p>This policy applies to all employees who manage application assessments.</p>
Rationale	<p>Applications for new or amended water licences can often be controversial.</p> <p>This policy ensures that interested people have an appropriate chance to comment on applications, and that they know they can apply for review of our decision.</p>
Contact	<p>For more information on this policy, contact the General Manager Groundwater and Rivers.</p>
Related documents	<p>See the Groundwater and Rivers Procedure for Public Consultation document in ECM.</p>

Communications This policy will be made available on SRW's website.