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Welcome to the MDBA



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Country throughout the Murray–Darling Basin and their continuing connection to land, waters and community.

We offer our respects to the people, the Cultures and the Elders past, present and emerging.



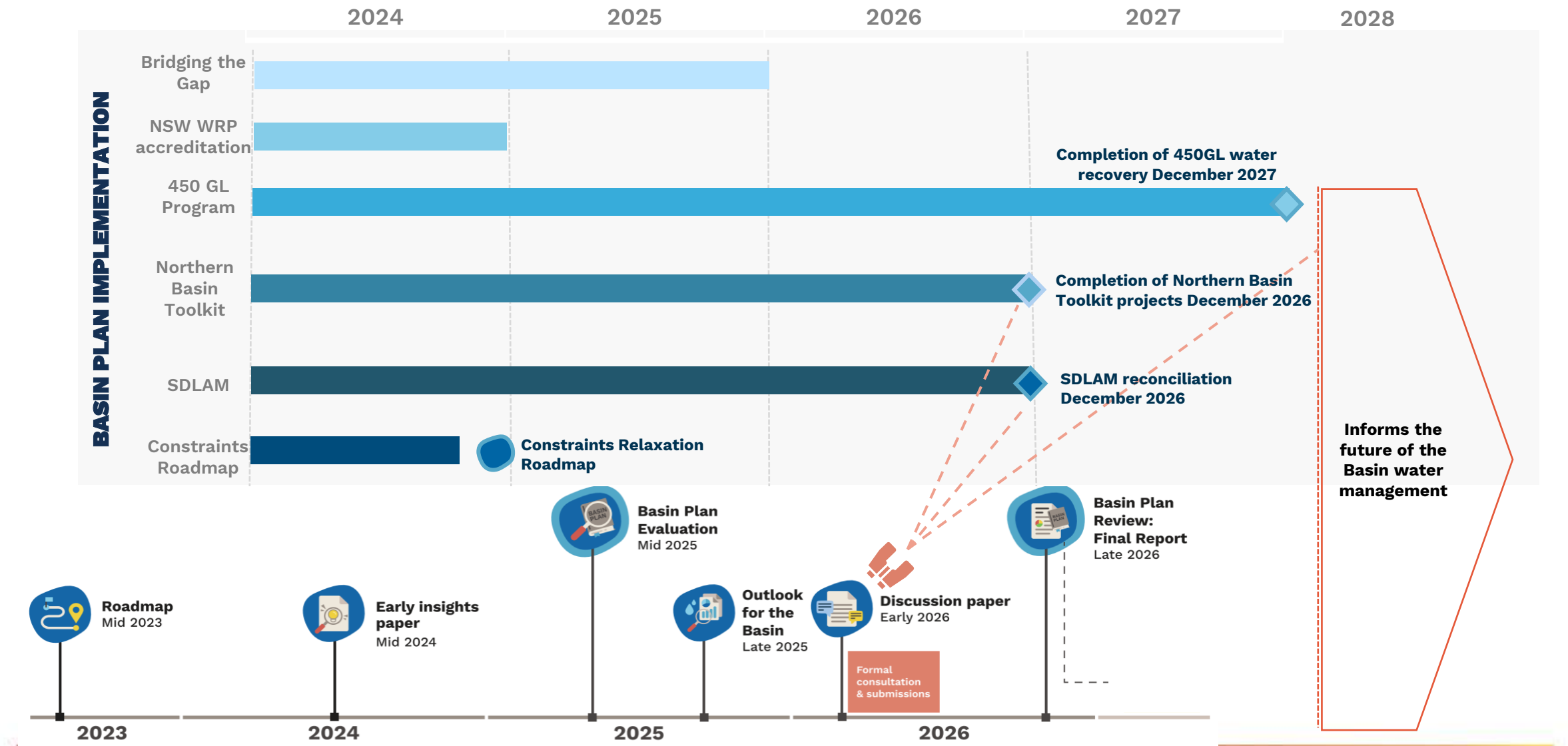
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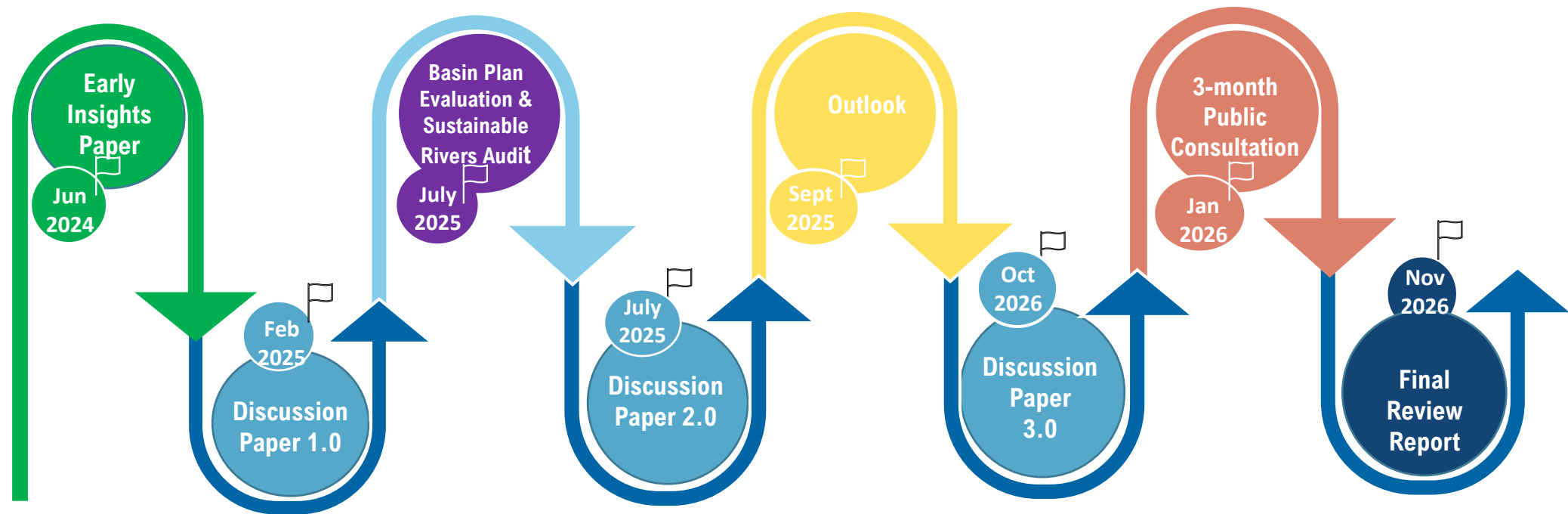
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2026 Basin Plan Review

Implementing the Basin Plan while reviewing the Basin Plan



Runway to 2026 Basin Plan Review



Key themes of the Basin Plan Review



Climate change



Sustainable water limits



First Nations



Regulatory design



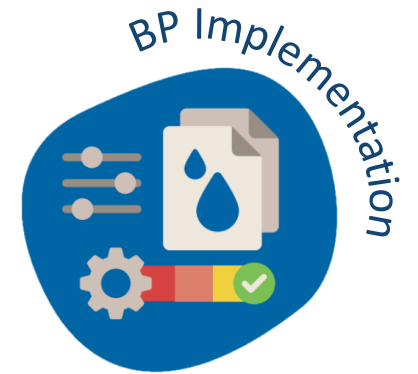
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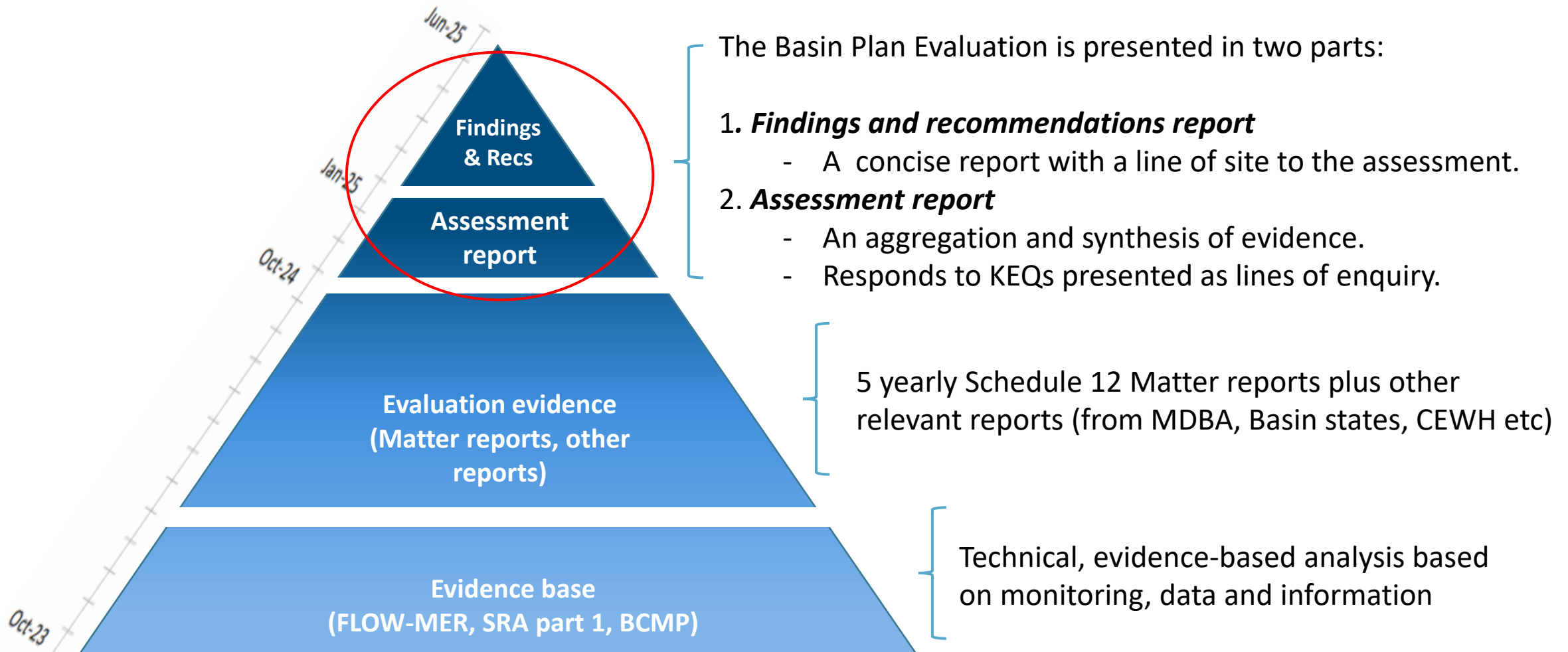
2025 Basin Plan Evaluation

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- Reporting effectiveness of the Basin Plan
- To inform the 2026 Basin Plan Review
- Currently in the assessment phase – the final Evaluation Report will be provided June 2025

Evidence > Analysis > Evaluation





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Constraints Roadmap

Purpose and outcome

Purpose

MDBA-NIC re-connection following the publication of the Constraints Roadmap.

Objective

Discuss next steps, opportunities and NIC priorities.

Outcome

MDBA-NIC clear understanding of respective priorities for constraints relaxation including opportunities for collaboration.



Mid-Murray low level crossing connecting cropping areas in the mid-Murray (Nov 2024)

Roadmap findings – a recap

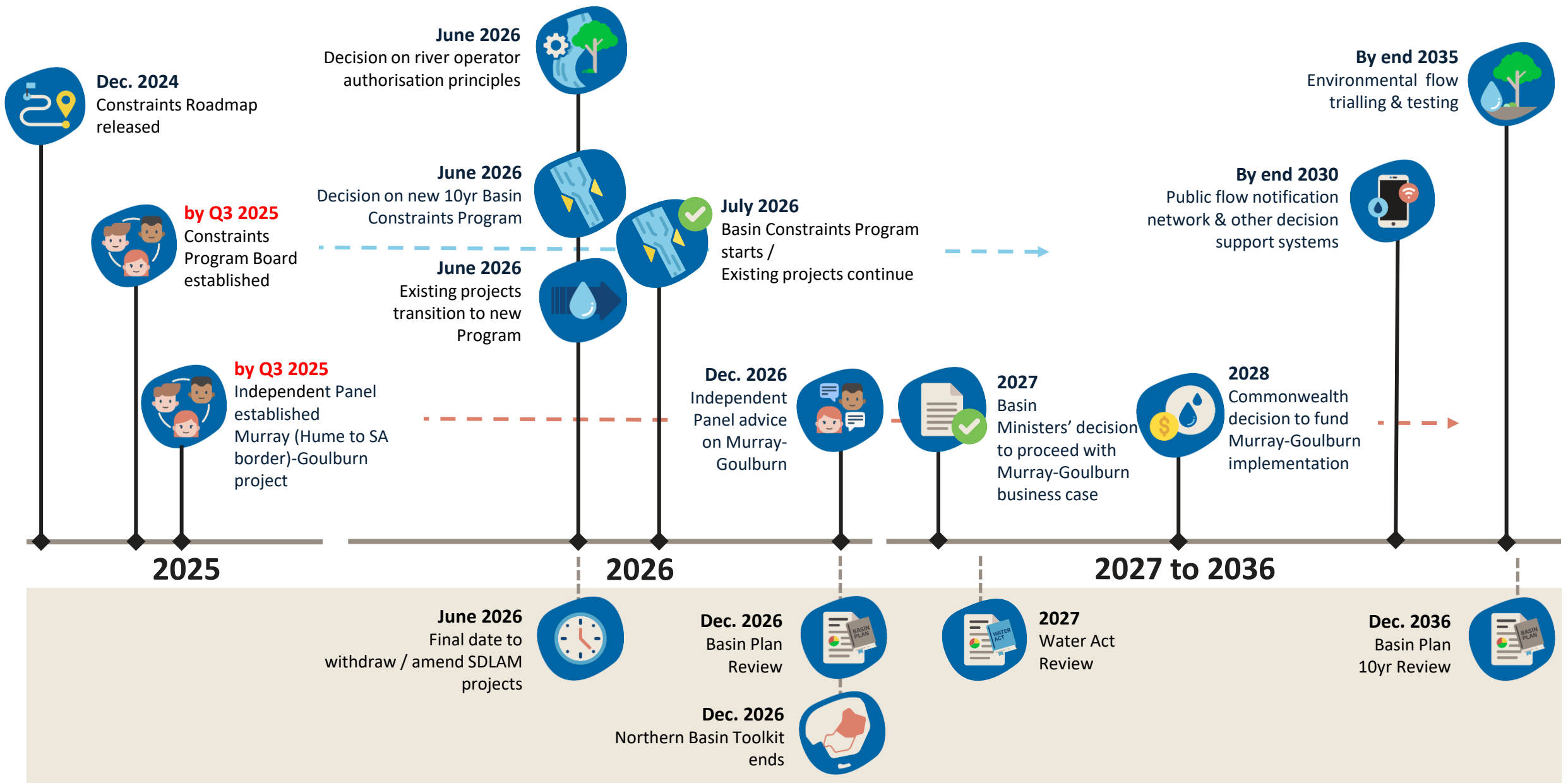
Theme	Finding
Community buy-in	Community at centre of project design and implementation
Viable delivery	Urgent 2025-26 activities to prepare for 2026 funding cliff and inform a decision on implementation
Goulburn – Murray	Independent panel to lead engagement / technical work for advice to joint govts by end 2026
Lower Darling	Explore the trialling (with landholders) of flows up to 18,000 ML/day at Weir 32 near Menindee
Water recovery	Explore connection between constraints relaxation commitments and water recovery targets under BP Review
Operational confidence	Clear authorising environment for operations, improved planning and delivery tools, community centred MER.

Where are we?

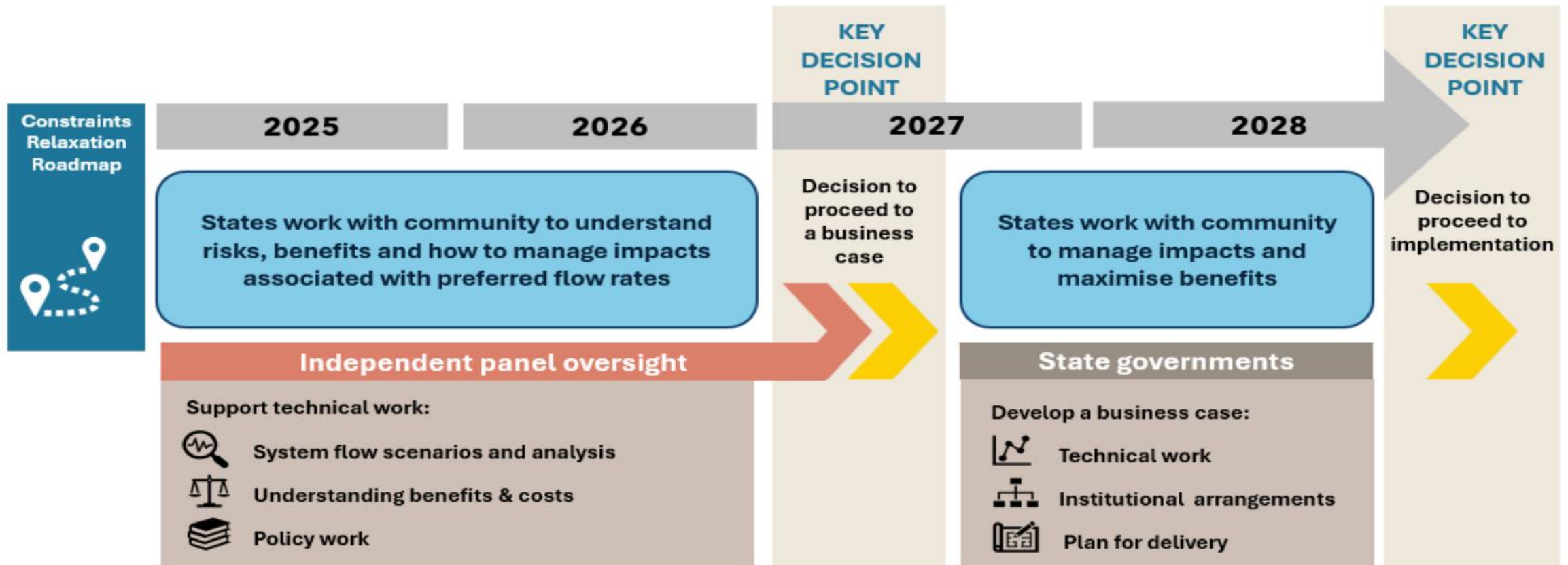
- Generally positive reception post publication
- States are advocating for implementation through BOC
- Commonwealth is considering funding opportunities in the context of election and existing BP priorities.
- MDBA is advocating for implementation and assisting Cwth understand content / options.



MDBA staff with Gwydir irrigator – 2024



A new way for the Murray



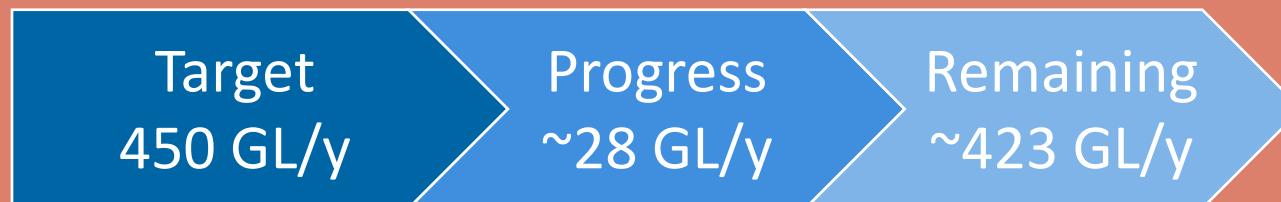
Implementation progress

WATER RECOVERY

BRIDGING THE GAP



450 GL/Y FOR ENHANCED ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES



WATER RESOURCE PLANS

33 TOTAL | 29 in operation
across SA, QLD, VIC, ACT, NSW

4 in NSW still to be accredited

SUPPLY MEASURES (SDLAM)

36 TOTAL | 14 in operation

Opportunity for new projects and amendments

Environmental Water Outcomes

Pelican breeding

49,500

nests sustained
at Lake Brewster

[eWater used in 2023]



eWater used to
encourage

Golden Perch
spawning and migration
in Lower Goulburn River



'winter fresh'

REMINDER

Platypus build nests high on the
bank to protect young from
drowning



1,800GL

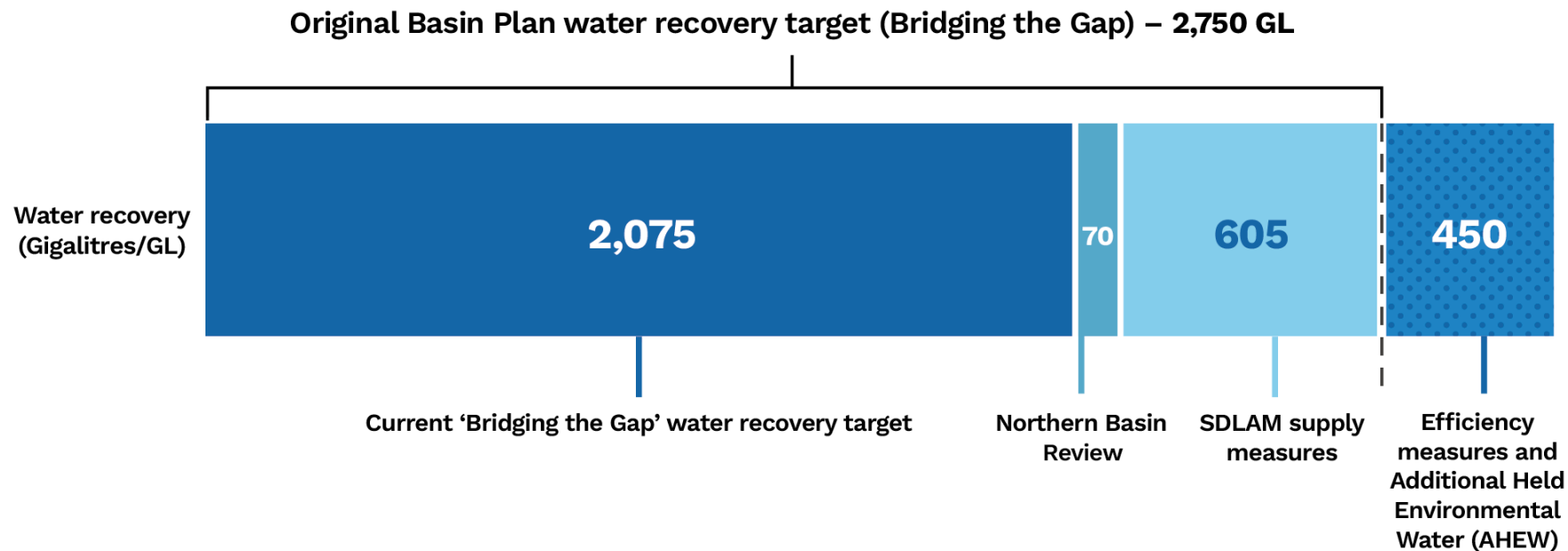
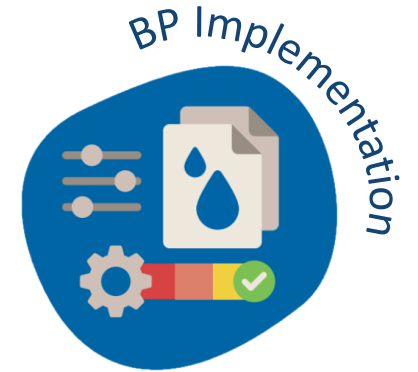
e-Water

delivered in 2023-24

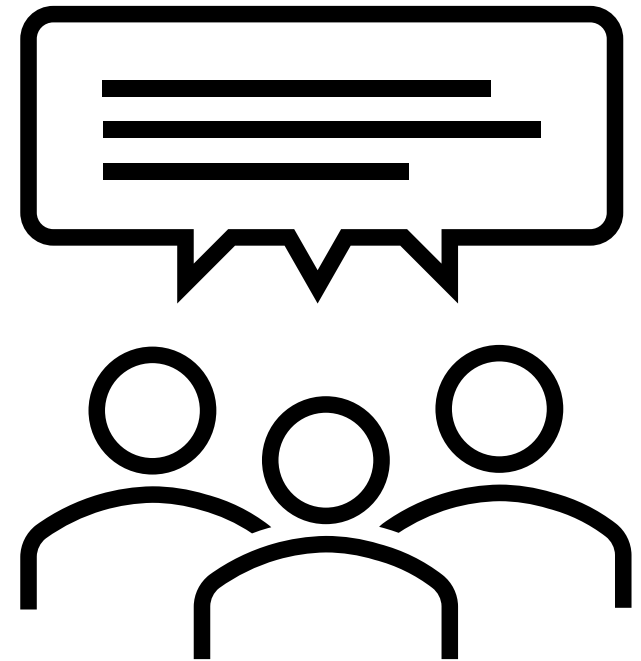


SDLAM Reconciliation

- Assess what projects are in place
- Model environmental outcomes and water savings



Questions?






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