



## Mitchell River Works

Contractors for the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority will soon commence major works on the Mitchell River between the Barrier and the Lind Bridge. This project has state government funding to implement the recently released Regional Riparian Action Plan.

This project will involve rock beaching, willow control and revegetation. These works are designed to increase the resilience of the banks to flood events and enhance the appearance of the river close to Bairnsdale.

Rock beaching is required on 1080 metres of river bank on five landholder frontages. Chemical willow control (4 hectares) will be undertaken where new rock is placed and where there is existing rock. Mechanical willow removal will be undertaken on one frontage where there is minimal threat of bank instability. All sites will then be revegetated with suitable native plants to ensure long term bank stability.

Stock and cropping will be excluded and the sites protected with Environmental Works Agreements which outline the responsibilities of each party to maintain the sites after the works have been completed.



Works site, looking downstream

Acting CEO Brett Millington said: “These works will greatly improve the condition and appearance of the river for recreational activities. Sediment flowing into the Gippsland Lakes

will also be reduced. The CMA welcomes the involvement the landholders in these works and the improvement in river health which will occur”.



Works site, looking upstream.