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| Information Sheet  Merricks Creek Baffle Construction |
| Construction of three timber baffles at Merricks Creek, Somers. |

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) is planning to construct three timber baffles alongside the rock revetment at the mouth of Merricks Creek, Somers.

Works are due to commence the week beginning 13th February 2017 and will take approximately four weeks to complete. Access around the mouth of the creek will be limited during the construction period.

## The works are part of a plan developed by the Merricks Creek Working Group to address the persistent odour from Merricks Creek.

## The group consists of representatives from Melbourne Water, Southern Rural Water, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, DELWP and several members of the community.

## A consultancy, Alluvium, was appointed by Melbourne Water to undertake an independent study into the reasons for the creek’s odour and provide possible solutions.

The study recommended the reconstruction of three timber baffles, similar to those attached to the original timber training wall.

The baffles will assist in the reduction of odour by reducing the amount of seagrass entering the creek, and also allow the estuary mouth to close more often by reducing the velocity of the current of the creek.

Coastal Engineer Geoff Atkins of Atkins Maritime Engineering Pty Ltd was engaged to design the baffles, with Maw Civil Marine Pty Ltd contracted to construct them.

If you have any further questions regarding this project please contact Jacky Priestley, Project Officer on 0429 231 109.