

Stakeholder engagement

Water is one of our most valuable natural assets. We have a responsibility to the people of NSW to ensure we manage water equitably and transparently now and into the future. Our stakeholders are those groups and individuals who could be affected by our activities.

We recognise that the most effective way to successfully manage water is by collaborating with our stakeholders and the greater community. Our [Community Engagement Policy](#) describes how we will complete this engagement.

We regularly meet with our stakeholders on key projects and provide opportunities for stakeholders and the broader public to provide input on policies, plans, and other relevant documents.

An overview of our past meetings, exhibitions, and other public engagement activities is provided below.

Past engagement activities 2020

Key dates	Description	Location
17 December 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Menindee Lakes Project – regular update to Broken Hill City Council	Broken Hill
17 December 2020	Environmental water reform update – webinar	Online
17 December 2020	Floodplain Harvesting measurement – webinar for surveyors	Online
17 December 2020	Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategy – briefing Riverina Water	Wagga Wagga
17 December 2020	SDLAM Murrumbidgee Project – McCaughey’s block bank meeting	Jerilderie
16 December 2020	Calculation of storage volumes in the NSW northern Basin – meeting with Slattery and Johnson Pty Ltd	Online
16–18 December 2020	SDLAM Murrumbidgee Project – Yanco, Deniliquin and Barmah First Nations meetings	Wagga Wagga Jerilderie
16 December 2020	Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategy – briefing Goldenfields Water	Parkes
15 December 2020	Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategy – briefing Federation Council	Online
15 December 2020	Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategy – briefing Hay Shire Council	Online
14 December 2020	Namoi Regional Water Strategy – briefing Narrabri Shire Council	Narrabri
14 December 2020	Namoi Regional Water Strategy – briefing Walgett Shire Council	Walgett

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11 December 2020	Regional Water Strategies – briefing Canberra Region Joint Organisation	Online
10 December 2020	Coastal Floodplain Drainage Marine Estuarine Management Strategy project – Newcastle City Council meeting	Online
9 December 2020	Coastal Floodplain Drainage Marine Estuarine Management Strategy project – Shoalhaven City Council meeting	Online
9 December 2020	SDLAM Menindee Lakes Project – regular update to Broken Hill City Council	Broken Hill
9–10 December 2020	SDLAM Murrumbidgee projects – Yanco, Deniliquin and Barmah First Nations meeting	Deniliquin
8 December 2020	Replacement of the Water Sharing Plan for the Central Coast Unregulated Water Sources – webinar	Online
8 December 2020	Meeting with Murray, Murrumbidgee and Coleambally Irrigation	Online
4 December 2020	Namoi Regional Water Strategy – meeting with Namoi Joint Organisation	Online
3 December 2020	Water trade register and transparency measures public exhibition – webinar	Online
3 December 2020	Replacement of the Water Sharing Plan for the Central Coast Unregulated Water Sources – webinar	Online
3 December 2020	SDLAM Locks 8 & 9 Project – site visit	Buronga
30 November 2020 – 14 February 2021	Replacement of the Water Sharing Plan for the Central Coast Unregulated Water Sources – public exhibition period	Online
30 November 2020	Coastal Agricultural Drainage MEMS project – Kempsey and Port Macquarie Councils	Online
30 November 2020 – 1 February 2021	Information about water ownership and water trading to be publicly available in NSW – public exhibition period	Online
30 November 2020	South Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal information session	Wreck Bay
27 November 2020	South Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal information session	Wallaga Lake
26 November 2020	South Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal information session	Bega
26 November 2020	South Coast Regional Water Strategy – general information session	Bega
25 November 2020	Regional Water Strategies options assessment – meeting with Aboriginal Water Coalition	Online

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25 November 2020	South Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal information session	Batemans Bay
25 November 2020	South Coast Regional Water Strategy – information session	Batemans Bay
23 November 2020 – 20 December 2020	Proposed legislative amendments for floodplain harvesting – public exhibition period	Online and face to face
23 November 2020	Active management of environmental water – webinar with affected licence holders in the Gwydir Valley	Online
19 November 2020	Regional water strategies – briefing for coastal peak environmental organisations	Online
19 November 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Locks 8 & 9 Project – Stakeholder Advisory Group site tour	Buronga
18 November 2020	SDLAM Locks 8 & 9 Project – Lake Victoria visit with Barkindji Maraura Elders Council	Lake Victoria
18 November 2020	SDLAM Menindee Lakes Project – meeting with Barkindji Elders	Menindee
18 November 2020	Regional water strategies – briefing coastal peak organisations: Local Government, Business NSW, Regional NSW, Water Directorate, Regional development	Online
18 November 2020	SDLAM Menindee Lakes Project – presentation to Wentworth Shire Council	Wentworth
18 November 2020	SDLAM Menindee Lakes Project – site visit	Menindee
17 November 2020	SDLAM Menindee Lakes Project – Menindee Lower Darling Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting	Menindee
17 November 2020	Regional Water Strategies – Coastal peak stakeholder organisations briefing: agricultural and fisheries groups	Online
17 November 2020	Active management of environmental water flows – consultation with Lower Macquarie stakeholders	Carinda
16 November 2020	South Coast Regional Water Strategy – webinar	Online
13 November 2020	Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy – briefing Border Rivers Organisation of Councils	Online
12 November 2020	Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal information session	Glen Innes

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12 November 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy – meeting with Ballina Council	Ballina
11 November 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal information session	Lismore
11 November 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy – general information session	Lismore
11 November 2020	Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal information session	Boggabilla
11 November 2020	Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy and floodplain harvesting licence rules – information session	Boggabilla
10 November 2020	Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy and floodplain harvesting licence rules – information session for Aboriginal organisations	Online and face to face
10 November 2020	Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy and floodplain harvesting licence rules – information session	Inverell
10 November 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal information session	Tweed Heads
10 November 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy – general information session	Tweed Heads
9 November 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy – live webinar	Online
9 November 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) – update to Wiradjuri Land Council Representative	Narrandera
9 November 2020	Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal consultation	Ashford
6 November 2020	SDLAM Menindee Lakes Project – presentation to Wentworth Shire Council	Online
5 November 2020	Coastal Agricultural Drainage Marine Estuarine Management Strategy (MEMS) project – Mid-Coast Council	Online
5 November 2020	Floodplain Harvesting Measurement Policy – information session for landholders	Online
5 November 2020	North Coast Regional Water Strategy – meeting with NSW Aboriginal Land Council	Online
4 November 2020	Regional Water Strategies – Coastal peak organisations briefing: Local Government, Regional NSW, Regional Development NSW, Water Directorate	Online
2 November 2020	South Coast Regional Water Strategy – Public exhibition period	Online and face to face

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30 October – 13 December 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy – Public exhibition period	Online and face to face
29 October 2020	North Coast Regional Water Strategy – meeting with joint councils	Online
29 October 2020	Lachlan and Macquarie Regional Water Strategy – meeting with Central NSW Joint Organisation	Blayney
28-29 October 2020	Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy – information sessions	Dubbo and Blayney
28 October 2020	Coastal Agricultural Drainage (MEMS) project – Port Stephens Council	Online
28 October 2020	Groundwater – meeting with NSW irrigators Council Groundwater Sub-committee on managing groundwater extractions	Online
28 October 2020	North Coast Regional Water Strategy – briefing to Bellingen Shire Council councillors	Bellingen
28 October 2020	Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal workshop	Dubbo
27 October 2020	Border Rivers Water Sharing Plan and floodplain harvesting – consultation with water resource plan stakeholder advisory panel members	Online
27 October	Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy – meeting with Dubbo Regional Council	Dubbo
27 October 2020	Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal Workshop	Warren
26 October 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Locks 8 & 9 Project – briefing to the Barkindji Native Title Board	Wentworth
26 October 2020	Border Rivers Water Sharing Plan and floodplain harvesting – consultation with northern industry groups	Online
26 October 2020	Gwydir Regional Water Strategies Public exhibition – one-on-one phone calls	Teleconference
26 October 2020	Lachlan Regional Water Strategies Public exhibition – one-on-one phone calls	Teleconference
23 October 2020	Border Rivers Water Sharing Plan and floodplain harvesting – consultation with environmental groups	Online
23 October 2020	Border Rivers Water Sharing Plan and floodplain harvesting – consultation with Southern Basin representatives	Online
23 October 2020	Gwydir Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal Workshop	Cowra

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22 October 2020	Gwydir Regional Water Strategy – information session	Moree
22 October 2020	Floodplain Harvesting Measurement – information webinar for installers, manufactures and suppliers	Online
21 October 2020	Coastal Agricultural Drainage (MEMS) project – meeting with Clarence Valley Council	Online
21 October 2020	Gwydir Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal Workshop	Moree
21 October 2020	Lachlan Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal Workshop	Parkes
20–21 October 2020	Lachlan Regional Water Strategy – information sessions	Lake Cargelligo Parkes
20 October 2020	Community consultation on the future of water in NSW Border Rivers	Online
20 October – 30 November 2020	Water sharing plan rules for floodplain harvesting licences in Border Rivers – public exhibition period	Online and face to face
20 October 2020	Lower Macquarie Individual Licence Holder Meetings	The Marra
20 October 2020	Lachlan Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal workshop as part of public exhibition	Murrin Bridge
19 October 2020	Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategies public exhibition – one-on-one phone calls	Teleconference
16 October 2020	Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategies public exhibition – live webinar	Online
15 October 2020	Gwydir Regional Water Strategy public exhibition – live webinar	Online
15 October 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Locks 8 & 9 Project – Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting	Online
15 October 2020	Regional water strategies – briefing with peak environmental groups on the priority regions and an introduction to the Border Rivers region	Online
14–15 October 2020	Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN) delegates workshop on floodplain harvesting and implementation of the Floodplain Harvesting Policy	Online
14 October 2020	Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy – briefing NSW Minerals Council	Online
13 October 2020	Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy – briefing Border Rivers Commission	Online

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13 October 2020	Coastal Agricultural Drainage Marine Estuarine Management Strategy (MEMS) project – meeting Byron and Lismore Councils	Online
13 October 2020	Great Artesian Basin Water Sharing Plan changes and letter to holders of basic landholder rights – meeting with NSW Farmers Association	Online
13 October 2020	Macquarie-Castlereagh, Lachlan and Gwydir regional water strategies – consultations with Aboriginal stakeholders	Online
12 October 2020	Regional water strategies – briefing peak organisations: Local Government NSW, NSW Water Directorate, Business NSW and Regional Development Australia	Online
12 October 2020	Lachlan Regional Water Strategy public exhibition – live webinar	Online
12 October 2020	Regional water strategies – briefing peak organisations: NSW Farmers, NSW Irrigators Council, and Primary Industry rural research and development corporations	Online
8 October 2020	Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy – briefing Qld Southern Downs Council	Online
6 October 2020	Gwydir Regional Water Strategy – public exhibition period	Online and face to face
6 October 2020	Lachlan Regional Water Strategy – public exhibition period	Online and face to face
6 October 2020	Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy – public exhibition period	Online and face to face
1 October 2020	Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy – briefing with Orana Joint Organisation	Online
29 September 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Project – update to Murray Regional Strategy Group	Online
28 September 2020	Groundwater and regional water strategies – meeting with Border Rivers Councils	Online
28 September 2020	Information presentation to Lower Macquarie Irrigators Association by Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Water, Water Science team	Online
28 September 2020	Groundwater update – presentation to Lower Macquarie Groundwater Irrigators Association annual general meeting	Narromine

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25 September – 13 November 2020	Lachlan, Macquarie-Castlereagh and Gwydir regional water strategies – public exhibition period	Online and face to face
25 September 2020	North Coast Regional Water Strategy – presentation to Mid-North Coast Joint Organisation Board Meeting	Online
23 September 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Program Assurance Board Meeting #9	Online
23 September 2020	Regional water strategies – meeting with the Far West Joint Organisation	Online
16 September 2020	SDLAM Options Workshop – offered for members of the Menindee Lower Darling Stakeholder Advisory Group	Pooncarie
11 September 2020	SDLAM – forum for Menindee Stakeholder Advisory Group	Online
10 September 2020	Western Regional Water Strategy – meeting with Far North West Joint Organisation	Online
9 September 2020	Draft metering-related amendment regulation – public exhibition period	Online
7 September 2020	Floodplain harvesting measurement project – meeting with Northern Valley Irrigators	Online
7 September 2020	Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategies – meeting with Dubbo Regional Council	Online
2–30 September 2020	Statutory Review of the Water NSW Act 2014 – public exhibition period	Online
27 August 2020	Macquarie-Castlereagh and Lachlan regional water strategies – Central NSW Joint Organisation meeting	Online
27 August 2020	First Flush Assessment – Water Users Reference Group meeting	Online
25 August 2020	SDLAM – water management meeting with Menindee Stakeholder Advisory Group	Menindee
21 August 2020	Murray and Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategies – meeting with Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation	Online
19 August 2020	Floodplain harvesting Implementation – information session	Online
14 August 2020	North Coast Regional Water Strategy – meeting with Coffs Harbour/Clarence/Armidale Councils regarding hydrological modelling	Online

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12 August 2020	Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategy – consultation with Riverina Joint Organisation	Online
7 August 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) – Menindee Community meeting, Richard Kingsford presentation	Menindee
6 August 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Yanco Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting #1	Online
31 July 2020	Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy – meeting with Moree Plains Council	Online
29 July 2020	SDLAM Program Assurance Board Meeting #8	Online
29 July 2020	Northern Inland Critical Water Advisory Panel	Online
28 July 2020	Southern Critical Water Advisory Panel	Online
27 July 2020	SDLAM Yanco Technical Advisory Group – out of session presentations	Online
27 July 2020	Independent Panel's draft report on management of the 2020 northern Murray-Darling Basin first flush event – public webinar	Online
23 July 2020	SDLAM Yanco Technical Advisory Group meeting #6	Online
23 July 2020	Regional Water Strategies – meeting with Border Rivers councils	Online
22–24 July 2020	North Coast Regional Water Strategy – meetings with Clarence Valley, Bellingen, Nambucca Valley, Armidale and Coffs Harbour City councils	Online
22 July 2020	Water Management – meeting with Menindee Lower Darling Stakeholder Advisory Group	Online
21 July 2020	Barwon-Darling and Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel CWAP	Online
20 July 2020	First Flush Assessment – Water Users Reference Group meeting	Online
16 July 2020	SDLAM Locks 8 & 9 Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting #2	Online
14 July 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Locks 8 & 9 – Technical Advisory Group meeting	Online
15 July 2020	Namoi Regional Water Strategy – groundwater meeting with Walgett and Narrabri Shire Councils	Online
14–15 July 2020	South Coast Regional Water Strategy – meetings with various councils	Online

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13 July – 9 August 2020	Independent Panel's draft report on management of the 2020 northern Murray-Darling Basin first flush event – public exhibition	Online
6 July 2020	South Coast Regional Water Strategy meeting with South Coast Councils and Shoalhaven Water	Online
1 July 2020	Regional Water Strategies –groundwater information presentation to the members of the Namoi Joint Organisation	Online
1 July 2020	First Flush Assessment – Water Users Reference Group meeting	Online
29 June – 8 July 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy – meetings with various councils	Online
29 June 2020	Regional water strategies – Orana Joint Organisation meeting	Online
24 June 2020	Understanding rules to protect environmental water in the Barwon-Darling including individual daily extraction component and resumption of flow rules – public information webinar	Online
17 June 2020	Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy – Central West Councils Environment and Waterways Alliance briefing	Online
17 June 2020	Lachlan Regional Water Strategy – Hilltops Council briefing	Online
16–18 June 2020	Active Management of Environmental Water – webinar for targeted stakeholders in Gwydir, Macquarie and Barwon-Darling	Online
16 June 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Menindee Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting #5	Online
18 May – 16 June 2020	Snowy Water Licence Amendment – public exhibition of review of the Snowy Hydro Water Licence	Online
13 May – 17 June 2020	Independent Assessment into First Flush Event – call for public submissions and feedback from the community	Online
3 June 2020	First Flush Assessment – Water User Reference Group Meeting	Online
2 June 2020	Water Security Information Session – Hunter Valley	Online
1 June – 4 June 2020	Namoi, Far North Coast and Western Regional Water Strategies – meetings with councils	Online
28 May 2020	Water Security Information Session – Northern Valleys (Border Rovers, Gwydir, Namoi Peel and Macquarie)	Online

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28 May 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Menindee Project – Q&A session with Stakeholder Advisory Group members	Online
27 May 2020	SDLAM and Murray Valley and Yanga National Park Project Board Meeting	Online
26 May 2020	SDLAM Program Assurance Board Meeting 7	Online
25 May 2020	Water Security Information Session – Southern Valleys (Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and Murray)	Online
22 May 2020	SDLAM Yanco Technical Advisory Group meeting #5	Online
22 May 2020	Water Security Information Session – Barwon-Darling and Lower Darling	Online
21 May 2020	Hunter Critical Water Advisory Panel	Online
21 May 2020	First Flush Assessment – Water User Reference Group meeting	Online
20 May 2020	Regional Water Strategies – Business NSW and Regional Development Australia briefing	Online
16 May 2020	Namoi Regional Water Strategy – meeting with Narrabri Council	Online
14 May 2020	Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy – joint Gwydir Shire Council and Moree Plains Council meeting	Online
13 May 2020	Regional Water Strategies – NSW Minerals Council briefing	Online
11 May 2020	Regional Water Strategies – briefing for Water Directorate (councils and local water utilities delivering water and wastewater services across regional and rural NSW) and Local Government NSW	Online
29 April 2020	SDLAM Yanco Technical Advisory Sub-Group (eligibility criteria) meeting	Online
29 April 2020	State Water Strategy – workshop with environment and inter-governmental partners	Online
29 April – 11 May 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy – meetings with Lismore, Richmond, Kyogle, Rous, Tweed, Ballina and Byron councils	Online
28 April 2020	State Water Strategy – workshop with water sector utilities	Online
27 April 2020	State Water Strategy – workshop with Water Sector Regional???	Online
24 April 2020	Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel meeting	Online

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23 April 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Yanco Technical Advisory Sub-Group (Environmental) meeting	Online
21 April 2020	Regional Water Strategies – meeting with representatives from peak environmental groups	Online
20–24 April 2020	Flood plain harvesting – consultation with landholders in Border Rivers and Gwydir valleys	Online
17 April 2020	NSW Murray and Lower Darling Water Resource Plan – Stakeholder Advisory Panel meeting	Online
17 April 2020	Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel meeting	Online
9 April 2020	Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel meeting	Online
8 April 2020	Floodplain Harvesting Measurement Policy – targeted consultation session	Online
8 April 2020	Macquarie Water Resource Plan – Stakeholder Advisory Panel meeting	Online
7 April 2020	Lachlan Water Resource Plan – Stakeholder Advisory Panel meeting	Online
3 April 2020	Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel meeting	Online
2 April 2020	NSW Murray and Lower Darling Water Resource Plan – Stakeholder Advisory Panel meeting	Online
2 April 2020	Border Rivers Water Resource Plan – Stakeholder Advisory Panel meeting	Online
1 April 2020	SDLAM modelling seminar – Yanco	Online
1 April 2020	Gwydir Water Resource Plan – Stakeholder Advisory Panel meeting	Online
30–31 March 2020	Namoi Water Resource Plan – Stakeholder Advisory Panel meeting	Online
17 Feb – 28 March 2020	Draft replacement of the Bellinger River Area Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources Water Sharing Plan – public exhibition	Online
27 March 2020	Floodplain harvesting – public information session	Online
27 March 2020	Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel Meeting	Online
25 March 2020	SDLAM Yanco Technical Advisory Group Meeting #4 Jerilderie	Online
24 March 2020	NSW Murray and Lower Darling Water Resource Plan – Stakeholder Advisory Panel meeting	Online
24 March 2020	Lachlan Regional Water Strategy – meeting with Central NSW Joint Organisation councils	Online
24 March 2020	Barwon Darling Water Resource Plan – Stakeholder Advisory Panel meeting	Online

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23 March 2020	Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy – meeting with Inverell Council, Tenterfield Council, and Glen Innes Severn councils	Online
23 March 2020	Inland Critical Water Advisory Panel meeting	Online
23 March 2020	Border Rivers Regional Water Strategies – initial meeting with relevant councils	Online
20 March 2020	Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel meeting	Online
20 Feb – 20 March 2020	Draft replacement of the Great Artesian Basin Groundwater Sources Water Sharing Plan – Public exhibition	Online
19 March 2020	NSW Murray and Lower Darling Water Resource Plan – Stakeholder Advisory Panel meeting	Online
18 March 2020	Murrumbidgee Water Resource Plan – Stakeholder Advisory Panel meeting	Online
17–19 March 2020	Floodplain Harvesting Measurement Policy – targeted consultation session	Online
13 March 2020	Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel meeting	Online
12 March 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Community Advisory Group Meeting – Yanco	Jerilderie
11 March 2020	North Coast Regional Water Strategy – initial meeting with relevant councils	West Kempsey
11 March 2020	Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy – meeting with Central West Orana and Central Tablelands Drought Task Group	Online
10 March 2020	Casino, Richmond River Water Security Information Session – Water availability and supply update	Casino
10–11 March 2020	Bellingen Water Security Information Session – Water availability and supply update	Bellingen
10–11 March 2020	Draft replacement of the Bellinger River Area Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources Water Sharing Plan – public information sessions	Bellingen
3–5 March 2020	Floodplain Harvesting Measurement Policy – targeted consultation session	Online
2–5 March 2020	Public information sessions for the draft replacement of the Great Artesian Basin Groundwater Sources Water Sharing Plan	Moree, Lightning Ridge, Bourke, Coonamble
2 March 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy – meeting with Rous Council	Rous
27 February 2020	Hunter Critical Water Advisory Panel	Online
27 February 2020	Hunter Valley Water Security Information Session – Water availability and supply update	Singleton

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26 February 2020	Gwydir Regional Water Strategy – second round table meeting	Bingara
20 February 2020	Great Artesian Basin Water Sharing Plan replacement – Public exhibition	New South Wales
19 February 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Community Advisory Group Meeting – Menindee	Pooncarie
17 February 2020	Namoi Regional Water Strategy – meeting with councils in the Namoi region: Tamworth Council, Gunnedah Shire Council, Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Walcha Shire Council, Narrabri Shire Council, Walgett Shire Council and Gwydir Sire Council	Tamworth
17 February 2020	Bellinger River Water Sharing Plan – Public exhibition	New South Wales
17 February 2020	Namoi Regional Water Strategy – initial meeting with relevant councils	Tamworth
14 February 2020	Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy – workshop with Central NSW Joint Organisation councils	Bathurst
13 February 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Community Advisory Group Meeting – Yanco	Jerilderie
10 February 2020	NSW Drought Resilience Forum	Sydney
10 February 2020	Healthy River System Forum #2	Menindee
5 February 2020	Inquiry into management of Murray–Darling Basin water resources – town hall event	Griffith
30 January 2020	Lachlan Regional Water Strategy – workshop with Central NSW Joint Organisation councils	Parkes
30–31 January 2020	International Conference on Sustainable Water Resources Management	Sydney
29 January 2020	SDLAM Executive meeting with Yanco Creek and Tributaries Advisory Council members and Murrumbidgee local councils	Deniliquin
29 January 2020	Lachlan Regional Water Strategy – meeting with Upper Lachlan Council	Crookwell
23 January 2020	Inquiry into management of Murray–Darling Basin water resources – town hall event	Deniliquin
15 January 2020	Harvestable Rights Review – meeting with mid-north coast farmers in Dorrigo	Dorrigo

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Past Aboriginal engagement activities 2020

Key dates	Description	Location
30 September 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Locks 8 & 9 – Cultural values workshop with Alluvium	Wentworth
21–25 September 2020	North Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal consultation Round 2	Armidale, Upper Clarence, Nambucca Heads, Kempsey
17 September 2020	SDLAM Menindee First Nations information forum	Online
17 September 2020	SDLAM Options Workshop – offered for First Nation Members of the Menindee Lower Darling Stakeholder Advisory Group	Menindee
14–17 September 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal consultation Round 2	Byron Bay, Kyogle, Lismore, Tweed Heads
31 August 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal consultation Round 2	Lismore
26 August 2020	Wiradjuri Local Land Council forum update on Water Resource Plans and an overview of the Regional Water Strategy program	Online
25 August 2020	Aboriginal Water Coalition Meeting	Online
25 August 2020	SDLAM Murrumbidgee First Nations Engagement meeting	Online
13 August 2020	SDLAM program information sessions for First Nations	Narrandera
27–30 July 2020	North Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal engagement: Armidale, Maclean, Coffs Harbour, Kempsey	Online and face to face
27–30 July 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal Engagement: Tweed Heads, Woodenbong, Casino, Byron Bay	Online
21 July 2020	SDLAM meeting with Barkindji Elders and Menindee project team	Online
21 July 2020	Meeting with Barkindji Elders and Menindee Project Team regarding the Menindee Lakes Project	Online

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17 July 2020	Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN) Board Meeting – attended by Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment (DPIE) Water to discuss Regional Water Strategies and the Aboriginal Water Strategy	Online
23 June 2020	Independent Panel on the assessment into the management of the 2020 northern Murray-Darling Basin first flush event – interview with Barkindji Traditional Owners	Online
22 June 2020	Barkindji Native Title Board Meeting – attended by DPIE Water staff to provide an update on Menindee Lakes Project and Locks 8 & 9 project	Online
18 June 2020	Independent Panel for the assessment of the NSW First Flush event – meeting with the Water Users Reference Group	Online
11 June 2020	First Flush Assessment meeting with Nyemba Native Title group and Barkindji Native Title group	Online
13 May 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) governance and Aboriginal engagement meeting with the Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN)	Online
27 April 2020	Regional Water Strategies – meeting with Aboriginal peak group MLDRIN	Online
27 April 2020	Draft SDLAM Options Evaluation Framework Meeting with MLRDIN	Online
8 April 2020	Floodplain harvesting measurement engagement – meeting with Aboriginal peak groups	Online
6 April 2020	Aboriginal Water Advisory Group workshop	Online
25 March 2020	Regional water strategies – engagement with the Murray and Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN), Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN), NSW Aboriginal Land Council and NTS Corp (Native Title Service Provider for Aboriginal Traditional Owners in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory)	Online
24 March 2020	Lachlan Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal consultation Hay session via videoconferencing and in Hay	Online
19 March 2020	SDLAM Menindee – community drop in session	Menindee
28 February 2020	MLDIN board meeting	Online
20 February 2020	SDLAM Project team and Barkindji Native Title Group meeting	Menindee

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18–21 February 2020	Macquarie Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal Consultation	Orange, Dubbo, Coonamble, Warren
18–20 February 2020	Gwydir Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal Consultation	Tamworth, Tingha, Moree
18–21 February 2020	Lachlan Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal Consultation	Forbes, Cowra, Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo
12 February 2020	Regional Water Strategies – Aboriginal Water Advisory Group	Online
7 February 2020	Barkindji Healthy Country Plan – Technical Reference Group Meeting	Wilcannia
30 January 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) team and Barkindji elders – meeting	Menindee
29 January 2020	SDLAM team and Barkindji elders – meeting	Menindee
28 January 2020	Regional Water Strategies – meeting with Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council	Sydney
21 January 2020	Regional Water Strategies – Aboriginal consultation: Lachlan Condobolin	Condobolin

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