

From: [Gary Hammond](#)
To: [State Water Strategy Mailbox](#)
Subject: Damming our rivers
Date: [REDACTED]

My name is Gary Hammond and I am a resident of Dubbo. It has come to my attention of a proposal to erect a concrete dam on the Macquarie river at Gin Gin near Warren. I have already contacted relevant ministers of my concerns regarding the ecological disasters that could come from this exercise and now I wish to pass on the same message to you. It is of my view that changing the design of the weir by raising the river bed at a gradual incline up stream and gradual decline down stream with a weeping weir system at the apex would create a win-win situation for both environmentalists and irrigators. The irrigators would have a deep natural water hole upstream of the weir to pump out water for irrigating and the environmentalists would have a natural water flow down stream for ecological flows and fish would have a natural movement up and down stream through the weeping weir.

Kind regards
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From: digital.services@squiz.dpie.nsw.gov.au
To: [State Water Strategy Mailbox](#)
Subject: Your submission for the draft NSW Water Strategy
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Important information about this form

Information on confidentiality and privacy

I give permission for my submission to be made publicly available on the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website.: Yes

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website.:

I would like my personal details to be kept confidential.: No

Your details

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Do you identify as an Aboriginal person?: No

Are you an individual or representing an organisation?: Individual

Organisation or business details

Who do you represent?:

If you selected Government, please specify:

If you selected peak representative organisation, please specify:

If you selected other, please specify:

Draft vision–questions

Which aspects of water management are most important to you and your local community?: The damming of rivers with massive concrete structures. I feel it would be more beneficial to all parties including environmentalists and irrigators if you were to implement the use of weeping weirs. There are a number of organisations and individuals that are already using this method of rehydration and are very successful.

Do you support the proposed vision for the draft NSW Water Strategy?: No

Please tell us more about your response.: Mother nature developed this countries river systems over millions of years and we have degraded it through erosion and miss management in just a little over two hundred years. It can be revived but it will need much better management than it is getting now.

Draft objectives–questions

Which objectives are most important to you?: 1. water sources, floodplains and ecosystems protected. 2. contribute to a strong economy 3. cultural values respected and protected. 4. protecting public health and safety. .5 orderly , fair and equitable sharing of water

Do you have any comments on any of the no proposed objectives?:

Draft guiding principles–questions

Which principles are most important to you?: 1. healthy environments sustain social and economic outcome. 2. transparency and accountability to engender community trust. 3. forward thinking to build preparedness and resilience. 6. giving effect to Aboriginal rights and access to water 7. systems thinking to optimise outcomes. 8. data-enabled planning and decision making. 9. water is limited (although recyclable) resource

Do you have any comments on any of the guiding principles?: water is limited because you release it from dams at a frantic pace sell it off to irrigators to be pumped out of the system and leave very little for the environment. For well educated people you are not very bright, the answer is right in front of you, we need to slow the flow of water down our rivers with the use of weeping weirs.

Opportunities, challenges and actions for improved state-wide water management

Do you have any comments on the seven strategic priorities identified?: all of these actions could be combined into one plan of returning our river systems back to what they where before European settlement. You need to listen to the people that have proven the system works

Do you have any comments on any of the proposed actions identified?: you probably would not listen.

Are there any additional opportunities, risks and challenges that should be considered in the draft strategy?: A major risk of continuously constructing dams on our rivers is is a major ecological disaster.

What actions should be prioritised for immediate implementation and how should they be implemented?: Talk to the groups that are already utilising the weeping weir system and at least try a test program.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments on the draft no

NSW Water Strategy?:

Referral

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the opportunity to
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