

**Submission****GW049**

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Thinking about your relationship to groundwater, which of the following user groups or parts of the - Selected Choice	Agriculture
Thinking about your relationship to groundwater, which of the following user groups or parts of the - Other (please specify) - Text	
In which region are you located	Namoi
* How important is it for you to access groundwater as a resource	Very important
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for basic human needs (drinking, cooking)	Strongly agree
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for stock watering	Strongly agree
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for Aboriginal communities and Country	Neutral
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for agriculture	Strongly agree
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for the environment	Agree
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for industrial businesses (including mining)	Agree
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for manufacturing (water bottling, food processing and others)	Agree
* Please indicate what you think NSW's groundwater needs will look like over the next 20-40 years.	More than current needs
* Which part/s of the community do you think will have the greatest change in their groundwater need	Households,Agriculture,Industry,Towns and cities

* Do you think you should change the way you will use groundwater in the future	I've thought about it, but have done nothing more
* How well do you know the NSW groundwater management framework, rules and legislation	Well
* Please rank the 4 key issues affecting groundwater management in NSW from most important to least - Our climate is changing, and groundwater recharge and demands will be affected	4
* Please rank the 4 key issues affecting groundwater management in NSW from most important to least - The risks to groundwater from development and land use change are increasing	1
* Please rank the 4 key issues affecting groundwater management in NSW from most important to least - Community notions of sustainability and fair access to groundwater have evolved	3
* Please rank the 4 key issues affecting groundwater management in NSW from most important to least - Our understanding of groundwater, its behaviour and use is improving	2
Please tell us of any other challenges that are affecting groundwater management in NSW	Hydrologists are using out of date and incorrect data for their calculations. People have no access to them to show they are inaccurate.
* Please rank these challenges in order of importance, where 1 = Most important and 4 = Least import - Our policy framework for sustainable groundwater management needs to be updated to be more responsive to emerging challenges such as climate change	4
* Please rank these challenges in order of importance, where 1 = Most important and 4 = Least import - Ecosystems that depend on groundwater face increased threats such as intensive groundwater extraction and pollution	1
* Please rank these challenges in order of importance, where 1 = Most important and 4 = Least import - There is a lack of strategic integration between management of groundwater, surface water and land	3
* Please rank these challenges in order of importance, where 1 = Most important and 4 = Least import - Threats to the quality of groundwater resources are increasing over time and these need to be addressed	2
Please tell us any other challenges you think will affect the protection of groundwater resources an	

* How important for you is the protection of groundwater resources and the ecosystems that depend on	Important
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 1.1?	Agree
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 1.2?	Agree
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.2? - Refresh and expand our approach to sustainable groundwater management	Important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.2? - Manage groundwater and surface water together	Neutral
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.2? - Integrate groundwater considerations into land use planning decisions	Important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.2? - Improve management of large developments impacting groundwater	Very important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.2? - Strengthen cross-border groundwater management	Of minor importance
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 1.3?	Neutral
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.3? - Review and update our approach to protecting groundwater dependent ecosystems	Neutral
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.3? - Deliver a program to improve our understanding of groundwater dependent ecosystems	Important
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 1.4?	Strongly agree
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.4? - Review groundwater source extraction limits using new knowledge	Very important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.4? - Better manage impacts of extraction at a local level	Important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.4? - Improve clarity around management of groundwater sources with a low long-term entitlement share value	Neutral

* To what extent do you agree with draft action 1.5?	Agree
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.5? - Review and update our approach to managing groundwater quality	Important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.5? - Deliver a program to better understand groundwater quality and risks	Important
Please tell us any other suggested actions you think we should consider in Strategic Priority 1	The main thing is to get your data right
* Please rank these challenges in order of importance, where 1 = Most important and 3 = Least import - Increasing demand for groundwater for other uses can undermine its use for town water supply	2
* Please rank these challenges in order of importance, where 1 = Most important and 3 = Least import - New and expanding industries need to consider groundwater opportunities and constraints	1
* Please rank these challenges in order of importance, where 1 = Most important and 3 = Least import - Aboriginal rights to groundwater and Aboriginal uses of groundwater are not adequately recognised	3
Please tell us any other challenge you think will affect community and industry resilience in using	
* How important is it for you that communities and industries using groundwater resources have a rel	Important
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 2.1?	Strongly agree
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 2.2?	Strongly agree
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 2.2 - Provide better information on groundwater opportunities and constraints to communities and industries	Important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 2.2 - Enable the increase of sustainable groundwater use in targeted areas	Important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 2.2 - Foster innovative groundwater solutions, including Managed Aquifer Recharge (also called 'water banking', to support communities and industries)	Important
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 2.3?	Neutral

* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 2.3 - Increase access to groundwater for Aboriginal people	Neutral
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 2.3 - Protect groundwater-dependent places of significance to Aboriginal communities	Neutral
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 2.3 - Better integrate Aboriginal knowledge into groundwater management	Neutral
* Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	Neither
Please tell us what groundwater health and secure groundwater supply means for you, your family, you	
Please tell us about the changes you have seen in groundwater management in your cultural landscape	
Please indicate which of these cultural opportunities you have seen in action in the way groundwater - Selected Choice	
Please indicate which of these cultural opportunities you have seen in action in the way groundwater - Other (please specify) - Text	
Please provide any other comments about cultural opportunities or challenges in groundwater manageme	
What are the most important benefits of cultural and economic opportunities in the water industry - Selected Choice	
What are the most important benefits of cultural and economic opportunities in the water industry - Other (please specify) - Text	
Please provide any other comments about benefits of cultural and economic opportunities and how we r	
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Please tell us any other suggested actions you think we should consider in Strategic Priority 2	
* Please rank these challenges in order of importance, where 1 = Most important and 3 = Least import - Being underground and difficult to investigate, information about groundwater is lacking	2

* Please rank these challenges in order of importance, where 1 = Most important and 3 = Least import - There are gaps in our scientific knowledge and research capabilities	1
* Please rank these challenges in order of importance, where 1 = Most important and 3 = Least import - Our groundwater monitoring network is ageing and has limited coverage	3
Please tell us any other challenge you think is affecting the use of information and data to m	Irrigators can't meet with hydrologists and explain to them where their assumptions are incorrect.
* How important is it for you to have access to more information and data about groundwater manageme	Important
* How interested are you in finding out more about how groundwater is managed and used	Interested
What ways could the department use to communicate with you and others in your community about ground	Email
Please tell us what type of information and data about groundwater resources you would like availabl	Two way communication where we can explain our needs and not just be told what is available
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 3.1?	Neutral
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 3.2?	Agree
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 3.2 - Expand the range of knowledge and insights products including information systems, platforms and interfaces for storing, managing, accessing and interrogating groundwater data	Important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 3.2 - Improve and diversify how we communicate information on groundwater resources and their management	Very important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 3.2 - Support strategic planning and decision-making by councils and groundwater users with improved access to information on groundwater and its management	Very important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 3.2 - Develop a unified framework to consolidate and analyse all groundwater data across all relevant agencies and groundwater users and impacting activities	Of minor importance
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 3.2 - Support data and database integration across agencies to address data gaps and improve customer service delivery	Neutral

* To what extent do you agree with draft action 3.3?	Agree
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 3.3 - Expand our multi-disciplinary understanding of groundwater	Important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 3.3 - Improve our groundwater models where required	Neutral
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 3.3 - Increase our capacity and capability to apply leading groundwater science	Important
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 3.4?	Agree
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 3.4 - Improve our groundwater monitoring infrastructure	Important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 3.4 - Improve our groundwater monitoring programs	Important
Please tell us any other suggested actions you think we should consider in Strategic Priority 3	
Please provide any final comments	The most important thing for very small irrigators like me is to have access to water when I need it. To date all moves to do so have been blocked . No reasonable explanation has been given for this. Usually the person I am dealing with agrees but have no power to do so. I know some of the facts they are dealing with are incorrect.
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Personal information: name, email - Name	David Gowing
Personal information: name, email - Email	
Business name, if responding on behalf of a business - Your business name (if you are responding on behalf of an organisation)	
* How did you hear about this survey? Select all that apply. - Selected Choice	Email or e-newsletter from the department,Other (please specify)
* How did you hear about this survey? Select all that apply. - Other (please specify) - Text	Committee member Peel Valley Water Users
* What age bracket do you fit into?	75 + years
* How do you describe your gender	Male
* Speak language other than English at home? - Selected Choice	No
* Speak language other than English at home? - Yes (please specify) - Text	
* Identify as person with disability?	No

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