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Regional Water Strategies  
Department Planning, Industry, Environment

Attention: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

We, [REDACTED], residents of Curlew Waters, Lake Cargelligo are hereby forwarding you, yourself this submission in regards to the Water Strategy plan for the local and wider community of Lake Cargelligo.

We believe there to be only one (1) viable option which would increase the water storage quickly and easier than any other option, be more cost effective, be more accepted by the community, and is already in existence. We believe, why this option has been overlooked is due to it being so obvious and as plain as the nose on

everyone's face

The option we are referring to is the old Mc Innes Lake at Curlew Waters which used to exist on Lot 21 Stuart Drive. The channel connecting Lake Cargelligo and Curlew Lake runs alongside the old Mc Innes Lake. There is a pipe which runs from the channel into Lot 21 Stuart Drive which was blocked up years ago by NSW Water and as we understand it the only problem with Mc Innes Lake back in the days of its existence was that it was not maintained/looked after, and we believe this led to its demise.

Further to the aforementioned it has left Curlew Waters with a drainage and erosion problem, this would therefore explain why the Lachlan Shire Council has to build up the road just before the bridge, as the entire area floods. Just past the

bridge we only need to receive a good rain of about forty millimetres (40mm) and the road floods.

Furthermore, we only need around twenty millimetres (20mm) of rain and we suffer from our property eroding and washing out our back fences. At the moment, from the recent rains, down at the back fence it has eroded by at least a half a meter

wide to up to around a four hundred millimetre (400mm depth), this is only from the last three (3) rains ago.

In 2017 when we received a higher amount of rain than usual the old Mc Innes Lake filled back up and took twelve (12) months to start to subside/evaporate and soak away.

With this letter I attach a photo which was taken on the [REDACTED] of our horse and in the background you are able to clearly see Mc Innes Lake refilled. There is a huge amount of water resources and capabilities for storage when considering [REDACTED]. We believe, it would only take

the scraping away of the vegetation so as to prevent any smells, discolouration of water and any toxins and replace the old pipe which was blocked by NSW Water years ago, with a water gate then the water would be able to be transferred when needed, either to Lake Cargelligo or Curlew Lake. The same or not materially different to the water flowing from Curlew Lake into Lake Cargelligo or vice versa.

The one (1) big problem we see with Lake Cargelligo is that it is relatively shallow and we only need to look back to the year 2000 when it completely dried up and caused health issues. However, Curlew Lake is a lot deeper and therefore did not dry up. Therefore splitting up Lake Cargelligo up would not only upset most residents but the exercise involving dredging etc. could work out to be a lot more expensive, when comparing it to the option of reopening Mc Innes Lake in [REDACTED].

So for NSW Water to resume half of [REDACTED] in the best interest of the community would be the best option for all concerned. This part of [REDACTED] is no good for cropping, grazing, pasture and when we receive a fair amount of rain it becomes an issue as it is not properly maintained nor is it set up for drainage, flushing out etc.

As we understand it, this option has not been forensically investigated nor considered by NSW Water.

The land that divides the channel and the old Mc Innes Lake is Crown Land. Not only when we receive a high amount of rain does old Mc Innes Lake begin to fill up but also when both Lake Cargelligo and Curlew Lake are full and the channel is high the pipe between the channel leaks and floods into old Mc Innes Lake.

We would therefore, like to invite the Department Planning, Industry, Environment and NSW Water to consider and forensically investigate more viable and community accepted options by considering our proposal on Mc Innes Lake and the water management issues which occur out at Curlew Waters from a mere twenty to forty millimetres (20-40mm) of rain.

We would like a reply from the Department Planning, Industry, Environment in regards to our observations and proposal and if they would be investigating and considering the proposal.

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Please find photo attached for your perusal

Yours faithfully,  
[REDACTED]