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**Metropolitan LALC Submission
Greater Sydney Water Strategy**

Dear NSW Government,

On behalf of Metropolitan LALC I make this Submission for the Greater Sydney Water Strategy.

Metropolitan LALC (MLALC) covers 24 Local Government Areas, from Canterbury- Bankstown in South to Cessnock in North.

MLALC represents over 11,000 Aboriginal people, within its boundaries.

MLALC advocates access to free drinking water and all water ways or bodies for its community members as a cultural and human right & responsibility.

MLALC requests and seeks to be included in management of all water ways and or bodies within its boundaries.

MLALC has over 600 Adult Aboriginal LALC members, MLALC has over 4,500 Culture Heritage sites.

MLALC has the following waterways, tributaries, rivers, creeks, wetlands, lagoons within its boundaries;

- Tuchorea aka Georges River
- Salt pan Creek
- Goolayarri aka Cooks River
- Gumbramoora wetlands aka canals around Enmore, Marrickville, Sydenham, Tempe
- Wooli / Turella
- Kamay aka Botany Bay
- Alexandria Canal aka Sheas Creek
- Harbour
- Tank stream
- Blackwattle Bay
- Canada Bay
- Parramatta River
- Parramatta Lakes
- Lane Cove River
- Manly Dam
- Mermaid Pools – Cultural site
- Narrabeen Lagoon
- Pittwater
- Extensive number of Creeks eg Duck Creek, Deep Creek, Mc Carrs creek, Cowan creek, Berowra creek
- Deerubbin aka Hawkesbury River
- MacDonald River

- Unique ones eg Water Towers/ Tanks at Petersham
- Pacific ocean
- All underground water

Examples of Collaborative Projects MLALC worked and or working on in 2021

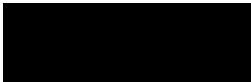
- Sydney Water @ Manly Dam / Mermaid Pools for Culture Heritage site
- Georges Riverkeeper Project – Cultural and ecological protection and preservation
- Cooks River Alliance – Aboriginal & contemporary history of waterway, Cultural and Ecological activities including Warrijul aka Mullet Festival at Marrickville Golf Course.

MLALC seeks to have respect and honour for waterways, wetlands, rivers, creeks, lagoons, bays, oceans as the living breathing spirits they are as a resource that sustains all life, and work with the respective water authorities as representatives with the cultural rights and responsibilities for these entities with MLALC boundaries.

MLALC believes all Water authorities should have dedicated positions for Registered Native Title Holders, Registered Aboriginal Owners and or Local Aboriginal Land Councils as a minimum to work truly in collaboration and partnership with 1st Nations and or Aboriginal people.

Should you need and or require any further information or clarification feel free to call or email anytime on this crucial matter of importance.

Yours in Unity



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