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Subject: Your submission for Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy

1. Information on confidentiality and privacy

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

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

2. Your details

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Do you identify as an Aboriginal person?: No

Are you an individual or representing an organisation?: Individual

3. Organisation or business details

Who do you represent?: Other

If you selected Government, please clarify.:

If you selected Peak representative organisation, please clarify.:

4. Draft Regional Water Strategy objectives and vision

Do you support this vision for the Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy? : No

If no, please outline your vision for the long term management of water resources in this region?: The vision statement is too narrow in approach. Any strategy for the Border Rivers or any other tributaries that feed the Barwon/Darling River System must take into account the environmental needs of the entire river not just the Border Rivers . River Plans should be instigated from the lowest reaches first, then continued upstream.

5. Information and modelling used to develop the Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy

Do you have any comments about the information used to develop this strategy?: I think the strategy is flawed

Please provide details if there is additional information you think we should consider?:

#### 6. Stochastic modelling method

Do you have any comments about the modelling method used to develop this strategy?:

I believe the modelling could be flawed because it cannot measure the affects of human activite and global warming.

Is there any additional information that you believe could help us assess the benefits and disadvantages of draft options?:

#### 7. Opportunities and challenges for water management in the Border Rivers region

Do you have any comments on the opportunities, risks and challenges identified?:

I believe building more dams or increasing the heights of existing structures will do little to improve river flows or increase water security for towns on unregulated sections of rivers. I believe money to build the proposed Mole river Dam would be better spent on large scale reafforestation projects that would increase rainfall in our parched western regions. Town Water security can be met by using Artesian water osmosis, and solar energy.

Are there any additional opportunities, risks and challenges that we should consider and what options could address these?:

#### 8. Draft Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy options

Which five (5) options do you think are most important?:

1 (6) Reliable access to Ground Water. 2(10)N.S.W. Fish Passage Strategy. 3(17)Riperian Habitat Restoration.4 (26) Reuse,recycle and Stormwater projects. 5( 43) Water dependent cultural practices and Site identification Projects.

Please comment on why you think these options are most important? :

The 5 strategies identified would lessen demand on riparian water use , and improve Riverine environment and health of aquatic animals.

Which five (5) options do you think are least important? (If any):

1(1) New Dam on Mole River. 2(2)Raising Pindari Dam Full Supply Level. 4(8) Inland diversion from East.

Please comment on why you think these options are least important? :

I list the above strategies as least important because large scale infrastructure projects willnot improve water security will increase interference in natural river ecology. The capital costs associated with these projects would be better spent on meaningfull environmental projects such as riperean restoration and reafforestation.

Do you have any comments on the draft options?:

Mainly what i have commented on already.

#### 9. Option combinations

Do you have any thoughts on how the options could be combined with other options?:

Unsure.

Are there additional options that we should consider?:

See above.

#### 10. Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy?:

No.

11. Referral

How did you hear about the public exhibition of this strategy? Communication from peak body