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Subject: Your submission for Lachlan 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?:

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 Lachlan Regional Water Strategy? : No

If no, please outline your vision for the long term management of water resources in this region?: The objectives are fine - the ideas for implementation are total rubbish, without a shred of outcome security or any real data on business cases for the Options included. Past mistakes have NOT been learned from and the Economics of a great majority of the Options are simply without any cost/benefit potential.

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

Do you have any comments about the information used to develop this strategy?: Community engagement has been an utter failure. The ROSSCO meeting in Lake Cargelligo on 11/11/2019 that was well advertised had 49 local residents in attendance. The POORLY ADVERTISED meeting in Lake Cargelligo on 20/10/2020 had 1 - BECAUSE NO-ONE KNEW IT WAS HAPPENING. This is not engagement. It is Deception.

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

The 20 year plan that much of this is based on and the 2 Drafts of this Strategy refuse to acknowledge the IMMENSE SIGNIFICANCE of the Lake Cargelligo Wetlands System - proven to be THE MOST important wetland and waterfowl refuge through the Millennium Drought. The 20 year plan continues to even give LAKE Cargelligo it's proper name and consistently misnames it as just Cargelligo. This is clear evidence of a continued political Agenda driven against LAKE Cargelligo and it's Wetlands.

6. Stochastic modelling method

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

Since day 1 - the evaporation models used have been proven to be hopelessly inaccurate with estimated evaporation rates of 1.5 - 2m per year for Lake Cargelligo. The numbers derived seem to be by taking the Maximum Summer Daily Evaporation rate using the highest water surface temperature and multiplying it by 365 days. It is utter fraud. It took 3 years for Lake Cargelligo to fully dry out when completely cut-off from water supply and was already down to below 20% capacity (less than 1m average depth). Your figures/calculations cannot be trusted.

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

Raise Wyangala Dam wall NOW!

7. Opportunities and challenges for water management in the Lachlan region

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

Where is Carp management? Separation cages, Daughterless carp, herpes virus management. Carp are a huge part of deteriorated water quality and decreased Native Fish numbers.

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

You have not properly Engaged with Aboriginal Stakeholders - another consultation joke! You have not even paid lip service to allowing (restoring) Native Rights for fishing and Riparian hunting along the Lachlan. They don't want carp - they want Native Fish...

8. Draft Lachlan Regional Water Strategy options

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

1 Wyangala Dam raising. 2 Groundwater access for towns. 3 Water quality restoration - GET RID OF CARP by any and all means necessary - and better regulate and manage chemical runoff from farms. 4 Review of water accounting and allocation process(es) 5 Shared benefit project (environment and cultural outcomes)

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

More water in Dams, better buffer against low rainfall episodes. Towns MUST have alternative water sources to survive. The Environment must be restored with Carp eradicated, Water Accounting and allocation made transparent and fair and there must be more recognition of Cultural issues associated with Environmental restoration.

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

1 Water transfer pipeline between Lake Rowlands and Carcoar Dam and expansion of Lake Rowlands - this is to STEAL water from the Lachlan to give it to other catchments. 2 Improvements to the storage effectiveness of Lake Cargelligo - they DIDN'T work at Lake Brewster and you want to waste another \$83 Million at Lake Cargelligo... where is your business case. Where is the cost/benefit analysis. 3 Filling the Sheet of Water and bypassing it with a channel - where is your business case. Where is the cost/benefit analysis. 4 Floodplain management works - every flood on the Lachlan goes in different directions in the mid and lower Lachlan especially - you have NO Modelling that demonstrates an ability to address or manage this problem.

Please comment on why you think these options are least important? :	No cost benefit / analysis. No Business case to justify the proposed expenditures at Lake Cargelligo or Sheet of Water. Have not learned from past mistakes (Lake Brewter) and demonstrably have no ability to model floodplain flow management.
Do you have any comments on the draft options?:	WHERE IS A PROPER PRIORITY LIST - including cost/benefit and SWOT analysis with demonstrated ability to ACHIEVE a result?
9. Option combinations	
Do you have any thoughts on how the options could be combined with other options?:	Many of the environmental options should be integrated - Water Quality / Environmental restoration especially. Get rid of the Carp. Improve on-farm management of chemical runoff into the river. Options 12, 14, 16, 18 should be combined.
Are there additional options that we should consider?:	Start listening to local knowledge and Traditional Aboriginal knowledge. Stop treating locals as idiots.
10. Other comments	
Do you have any other comments about the Lachlan Regional Water Strategy?:	Absolutely against the proposed division of the main Lake at Lake Cargelligo and the filling and bypassing of Sheet of Water. (Bypass channel for Sheet of Water maybe but not the insane and \$173 Million price to fill and bypass!!!)
11. Referral	
How did you hear about the public exhibition of this strategy?:	Social media