

Submission**GW051**

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Thinking about your relationship to groundwater, which of the following user groups or parts of the - Selected Choice	Other (please specify)
Thinking about your relationship to groundwater, which of the following user groups or parts of the - Other (please specify) - Text	Concerned about Water
In which region are you located	Greater Hunter
* How important is it for you to access groundwater as a resource	Not at all important
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for basic human needs (drinking, cooking)	Neutral
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for stock watering	Agree
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for Aboriginal communities and Country	Agree
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for agriculture	Agree
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for the environment	Neutral
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for industrial businesses (including mining)	Neutral
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for manufacturing (water bottling, food processing and others)	Neutral
* Please indicate what you think NSW's groundwater needs will look like over the next 20-40 years.	The same

* Which part/s of the community do you think will have the greatest change in their groundwater need	I don't believe there will be any change
* Do you think you should change the way you will use groundwater in the future	Yes, I've started doing research and am in the process of making changes
* 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	3
* 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	2
* 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	1
Please tell us of any other challenges that are affecting groundwater management in NSW	Putting a price on water is very BAD.
* 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	3
* 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	2
* 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	1
Please tell us any other challenges you think will affect the protection of groundwater resources an	Section 100 and 109 of the Constitution of Australia

* How important for you is the protection of groundwater resources and the ecosystems that depend on	Very important
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 1.1?	Strongly disagree
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 1.2?	Strongly disagree
* 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	Not at all important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.2? - Manage groundwater and surface water together	Not at all important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.2? - Integrate groundwater considerations into land use planning decisions	Not at all important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.2? - Improve management of large developments impacting groundwater	Not at all important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.2? - Strengthen cross-border groundwater management	Not at all important
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 1.3?	Strongly disagree
* 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	Very important
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 1.4?	Strongly disagree
* 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	Neutral
* 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	Not at all important

* To what extent do you agree with draft action 1.5?	Neutral
* 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	Very 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	Neutral
Please tell us any other suggested actions you think we should consider in Strategic Priority 1	Constitution of Australia section 100 and 109
* 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	Constitution of Australia section 100 and 109
* How important is it for you that communities and industries using groundwater resources have a rel	Neutral
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 2.1?	Neutral
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 2.2?	Neutral
* 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	Neutral
* 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	Not at all 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)	Neutral

* To what extent do you agree with draft action 2.3?	Strongly disagree
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 2.3 - Increase access to groundwater for Aboriginal people	Not at all important
* 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	Not at all important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 2.3 - Better integrate Aboriginal knowledge into groundwater management	Not at all important
* 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	
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Please tell us any other suggested actions you think we should consider in Strategic Priority 2	Constitution section 100, 109 and 44
* 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	3

* 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	2
Please tell us any other challenge you think is affecting the use of information and data to m	Constitution section 100, 109 and 44
* How important is it for you to have access to more information and data about groundwater manageme	Neutral
* How interested are you in finding out more about how groundwater is managed and used	Very interested
What ways could the department use to communicate with you and others in your community about ground	Constitution section 100, 109 and 44
Please tell us what type of information and data about groundwater resources you would like availabl	Constitution section 100, 109 and 44
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 3.1?	Strongly disagree
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 3.2?	Strongly disagree
* 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	Neutral
* 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	Neutral
* 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	Neutral
* 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	Neutral
* 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?	Strongly disagree
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 3.3 - Expand our multi-disciplinary understanding of groundwater	Neutral
* 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	Neutral
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 3.4?	Strongly disagree
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 3.4 - Improve our groundwater monitoring infrastructure	Neutral
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 3.4 - Improve our groundwater monitoring programs	Neutral
Please tell us any other suggested actions you think we should consider in Strategic Priority 3	Constitution section 100, 109 and 44
	<p>1 Groundwater Strategy</p> <p>Charging for water as per the Constitution of Australia section 100 is illegal. Under the Australia Act S. 3 but not limited to S. 3 (Australia Act change parts of the Constitution of Australia) it may be claimed that they can change the Law so as the States can charge for water but Section 128 of the Constitution of Australia says the electors must vote for any change to the Constitution of Australia. The people did not know about the Australia Act and they did not have a change to vote for or against the Australia Act therefore the Australia Act is unlawful. Therefore charging for water is unlawful. Under section 120 of the Constitution of Australia the State members of Parliament could be sent to jail for charging for water. If you look at section 100 of the Constitution of Australia:-</p> <p>“ Nor abridge right to use water. The Commonwealth shall not, by any law or regulation of trade or commerce, abridge the right of a State or of the residents therein to the reasonable use of the waters of rivers for conservation or irrigation.” The word “abridge” means:- to reduce the effect of a law, privilege or power. The word “conservation” means:- Conservation is the protection of things found in nature.</p>

It requires the sensible use of all Earth's natural resources: water, soil, sun energy, minerals, wildlife, and forests. People who care about conservation try to preserve natural resources so they will still be around in the future. The word "irrigation" means:- Irrigation is the process of artificially applying water to plants when rainfall is not sufficient enough to maintain a reliable source of crops. It is most often used in regions where rainfall is inconsistent or too sparse to support life. Plants need water in order to grow and survive because it helps draw nutrients into their systems which, in turn, allows them to photosynthesize. If farmers were unable to water their crops or a plant could not receive water from another source, the plant would become dehydrated, wilt, and eventually die. This all means what God gives us is free; no Government or organisations like the UN has the right to charge for it. Unfortunately this is exactly what the Government is doing, this is why power and water prices are so high. If the States say they are not the Commonwealth so they can get away with charging for what God gives us free, then the States are very wrong; see section 109 of the Constitution of Australia:-

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“109 Inconsistency of laws When a law of a State is inconsistent with a law of the Commonwealth, the latter shall prevail, and the former shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be invalid.”² Groundwater Strategy

This means that; making any laws that allow the charging for water in any way is invalid, has no meaning and cannot be made enforceable. In other words what God gives us free no Government or organisations like the UN has the right to charge for it. Therefore, it is an offense against Laws of the Commonwealth and the ones involved could be taken to court under sections 44, 100, 109, 120 and 128 of the Constitution of Australia. Section 120. of the Constitution of Australia, “Every State shall make provisions for the detention in its prisons of persons accused or convicted of offences against the laws of the Commonwealth, and for the punishment of persons convicted of such offences, and the Parliament of the Commonwealth may make laws to give effects to this provision.” That means that the ones involved could be sent to jail. If you put a price on water then you will get people stealing it. In Australia water is very precious and must be that way. If people are allowed reasonable use of the waters free then it is much easier to have control of all water.

	<p>Water that is used for irrigation must be controlled to what is available and that is set by the weather at the time and not by man so man cannot control it. In the ground water I have know it as Bore water is the same if you put a price on it you will get people stealing it. The men that wrote the Constitution were very wise people and they know that if water had a price on it then people would be dying from the lack of water. That is why section 100 of the Constitution of Australia is written the way it is and must not be changed.If the Parliament wants to change the Constitution of Australian in any way it must be done as per section 128 of the Constitution. Section 44. Disqualification of an M.P. Any person who: (i) is under any acknowledgment of allegiance, obedience, or adherence to a foreign power, or is a subject or a citizen or entitled to the rights or privileges of a subject or a citizen of a foreign power; or (ii) is attainted of treason, or has been convicted and is under sentence, or subject to be sentenced, for any offence punishable under the law of the Commonwealth or of a State by imprisonment for one year or longer; or (iii) is an undischarged bankrupt or insolvent; or</p>
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