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Subject: Submission Dear DPIE, I refer to the Draft Regional water strategies document published by DPIE with invitation for submissions by 30 November. My 'gut reaction' on reading the options for the first time yesterday, is that the proposals may impact adversely on the Murray-Darling scheme. I don't approve of water harvesting from areas that depend on occasional flooding to fulfill their ecological function. I would like the Darling River to be fixed before anyone builds more dams, with their attendant water evaporation in increasingly hot summers, across rivers that are healthy. The Darling River was apparently originally a chain of ponds, through which water trickled and seeped. But the water did move, and was clean. The Strategy is intended to guide water management for the next 20-40 years, yet the Draft document was published in October and on exhibition only till the 30th November 2020. Surely this is not enough time for people to be properly informed? Would you please consider extending the closing date for submissions, holding a public meeting in Tenterfield about the Mole River and trying to involve more of the community in water planning proposals generally? Our news in 2020 is so much about COVID-19 that other matters are not being properly discussed. Thank you for the opportunity to make these comments. [REDACTED]