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Thinking about your relationship to groundwater, which of the following user groups or parts of the - Selected Choice	Domestic and stock
Thinking about your relationship to groundwater, which of the following user groups or parts of the - Other (please specify) - Text	
In which region are you located	Macquarie-Castlereagh
* How important is it for you to access groundwater as a resource	Very important
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for basic human needs (drinking, cooking)	Strongly agree
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for stock watering	Strongly agree
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for Aboriginal communities and Country	Strongly agree
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for agriculture	Strongly agree
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for the environment	Strongly agree
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for industrial businesses (including mining)	Strongly agree
* To what extent do you agree with the following statements - Groundwater is important for manufacturing (water bottling, food processing and others)	Strongly agree
* Please indicate what you think NSW's groundwater needs will look like over the next 20-40 years.	More than current needs
* Which part/s of the community do you think will have the greatest change in their groundwater need	Households,Agriculture,Industry,Manufacturing,Towns and cities,Aboriginal communities and Country,Ecosystems dependent on groundwater

* 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	Not very 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	2
* 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	1
* 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	4
* 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	3
Please tell us of any other challenges that are affecting groundwater management in NSW	The answer to the last question should be all be number one. The greatest threat to ground water is the opening up of coal seam gas operation
* 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	3
* 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	1
* 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	4
* 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	2
Please tell us any other challenges you think will affect the protection of groundwater resources an	

* 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 agree
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 1.2?	Strongly agree
* 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	Very important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.2? - Manage groundwater and surface water together	Very 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	Very important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.2? - Improve management of large developments impacting groundwater	Very important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 1.2? - Strengthen cross-border groundwater management	Very important
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 1.3?	Strongly agree
* 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	Very important
* 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 agree
* 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	Very important
* 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	Very important

* To what extent do you agree with draft action 1.5?	Strongly agree
* 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	Very important
Please tell us any other suggested actions you think we should consider in Strategic Priority 1	Ban coal seam gas exploration. Because if the ground water becomes contaminated there is absolutely no going back.
* 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	The extraction of water from deeper aquifers by the coal seam gas industry will lead to lowering of and or contamination upper aquifers either through faulty bores or natural fractures and faults in the geology
* How important is it for you that communities and industries using groundwater resources have a rel	Very important
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 2.1?	Strongly agree
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 2.2?	Strongly agree
* 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	Very important
* 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	Very 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)	Very important
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 2.3?	Strongly agree
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 2.3 - Increase access to groundwater for Aboriginal people	Very 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	Very important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 2.3 - Better integrate Aboriginal knowledge into groundwater management	Very 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	
What are the most important benefits of cultural and economic opportunities in the water industry - Other (please specify) - Text	
Please provide any other comments about benefits of cultural and economic opportunities and how we r	
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Please tell us any other suggested actions you think we should consider in Strategic Priority 2	Ban coal seam extraction

* 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	1
* 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	2
* 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	3
Please tell us any other challenge you think is affecting the use of information and data to m	
* How important is it for you to have access to more information and data about groundwater manageme	Very important
* 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	
Please tell us what type of information and data about groundwater resources you would like availabl	
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 3.1?	Strongly agree
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 3.2?	Strongly agree
* 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	Very important
* 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	Very important
* 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	Very important
* 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	Very important

* 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	Very important
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 3.3?	Strongly agree
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 3.3 - Expand our multi-disciplinary understanding of groundwater	Very important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 3.3 - Improve our groundwater models where required	Very important
* 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	Very important
* To what extent do you agree with draft action 3.4?	Strongly agree
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 3.4 - Improve our groundwater monitoring infrastructure	Very important
* How important to you are each of the following sub-actions required under Action 3.4 - Improve our groundwater monitoring programs	Very important
Please tell us any other suggested actions you think we should consider in Strategic Priority 3	
Please provide any final comments	Groundwater is a precious and finite resource. Coal seam gas extraction is the greatest threat in the immediate future. Ban coal seam gas Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
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* How did you hear about this survey? Select all that apply. - Selected Choice	Community group, Word of mouth
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* What age bracket do you fit into?	65 - 74 years
* How do you describe your gender	Male
* Speak language other than English at home? - Selected Choice	No
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* Identify as person with disability?	No
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