

Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategy – November Submission

Submission of [REDACTED] on behalf of the [REDACTED], an Option 40 development

Submission: The Strategy needs to specifically align with the INSW State Strategy – 2022:

- “From an infrastructure perspective, following investigation, analysis and community consultation, the strategies will incorporate a range of infrastructure solutions that could include inter-regional connections and two-way water transfer”. *Cpt 7.4 P 115 INSW 2022-2042 Strategy*
- INSW recommendation 9.54: “Utilise all viable commercial models and approaches to enable additional opportunities for private sector investment in infrastructure, including:”
 - “Complementary development of assets that deliver additional services and benefit to offset the public infrastructure costs;”
 - “Development of infrastructure assets in a manner suitable for PPP procurement”.

Government’s response to 9.54

- **Support:** NSW Government will explore opportunities for private sector involvement in infrastructure investment, while taking steps to ensure that commercial agreements are directed towards the economic and social benefits of networked infrastructure.
- The [REDACTED] further submission is that the regional strategies for both the Lachlan and the Murrumbidgee, reflect Action 6.10 of the NSW Water Strategy – Implementation Plan to: Enable private sector involvement in the NSW water sector.
- The specific submission is that the strategy should facilitate private sector water and related infrastructure development where the Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment & Water (DCCEEW) will not be the primary regulator.

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