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B. Please list any other opportunities you would like to see included in the North Coast Regional Water Strategy.

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C. Are there any additional opportunities, risks and challenges that we should consider? What options could address these?

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8. Draft cultural options for regional water strategies

Draft cultural options for North Coast communities have not been developed and we are keen to hear your views on potential water management options that you consider important for this region. In consultation with local communities in some inland regions we have developed ten (10) cultural options for inclusion in the inland regional water strategies that went on public exhibition in September 2020. Below is a summary of the inland options that may provide a guide to developing options for the North Coast region.

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