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**To:** [State Water Strategy Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Your submission for the draft NSW Water Strategy  
**Date:** [REDACTED]

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## Important information about this form

### Information on confidentiality and privacy

I give permission for my submission to be made publicly available on the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website.: Yes

I would like my personal details to be kept confidential.: Yes

### Your details

Name: [REDACTED]  
Contact phone number: [REDACTED]  
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Do you identify as an Aboriginal person?: No

Are you an individual or representing an organisation?: Individual

### Organisation or business details

Who do you represent?: Other

If you selected Government, please specify:

If you selected peak representative organisation, please specify:

If you selected

other, please specify: member of numerous community groups

### **Draft vision–questions**

Which aspects of water management are most important to you and your local community?:

\* Ensuring a realistic account of the local water management plan is reflected in official document and public releases (Including Media), particularly Orange. \_ How is it comprehensible that Orange was listed under the Critical Needs Bill (2019) when the Macquarie to Orange pipeline was operational after storages reached 100%, stormwater harvesting was licenced and operational? \_ The impact of Newcrest's mining operations require further evaluations as all water reuse must be carefully considered because of the expected impacts. The actual impact does not reflect the assertion on p100 ~ This diversion of sewer treated water to the mine does not allow for "all options to be consider" as expressed by Minister Melinda Pavey. ~ the diversion causes major environmental damage to Summer Hill ~ the diversion does not allow the recycle water pipeline in the newer suburbs to operate as intended. (Your Reference 46 p25) ~ the diversion required an environmental flow from Suma Park Dam (NCAT De

Do you support the proposed vision for the draft NSW Water Strategy?:

Yes

Please tell us more about your response.:

Yes, broadly speaking. More effort is required in accepting the latest climate variability indications as expressed in the Draft Regional Strategies. There is a need for an independent National Water Authority Governments should abide by the scientific evidence. Further developments of infrastructure and water take (including FPH) should be guided by NOBI.

### **Draft objectives–questions**

Which objectives are most important to you?:

1 water sources, floodplains and ecosystems protected 2 orderly, fair and equitable sharing of water (covers cultural aspects) 3 liveable and vibrant towns and cities (Water Sensitive Cities) 4 Cultural values 5 protecting public health 6 contributing to a strong economy as expressed in jobs, jobs...

Do you have any comments on any of the proposed objectives?:

### **Draft guiding principles–questions**

Which principles are most important to you?:

1 Healthy environments 2 Water is a limited resource 3 transparency and accountability 4 forward thinking 5 data-enabled planning 6 systems thinking to optimise outcomes 7 sub-set of 1, Aboriginal rights

Do you have any comments on any of the guiding principles?:

## **Opportunities, challenges and actions for improved state-wide water management**

Generally agree with most points 1.5 FPH will only benefit a few at the expense of the general community. 1.4 NRAR should exercise more enforcement policies 2.4 Cultural water should be used for cultural benefit (traditional usage) and not modern economic benefit. 4.2 A purposeful review of water licence entitlements could be a means to achieve a more realistic approach to yearly allocations. 5.1 Expected reduced stream flows probably require a reduction in water for existing licences to increase the reliability factor. 5.4 Building or enlarging dams may not be the best option. Increasing the efficiency of irrigations infrastructure maybe a better and less costly option (eg Wyangala and Jemilong) 6.1 Regional areas (most affected by Critical Water Needs) must be included. - Engagement of the community much earlier 6.8 A recent review of the local, regional IWCM should be supplied in any propose infrastructure development.

Do you have any comments on the seven strategic priorities identified?:

May require further considerations on my part.

Do you have any comments on any of the proposed actions identified?:

Are there any additional opportunities, risks and challenges that should be considered in the draft strategy?:

Recommendations from the recent Productivity Commission should be taken into account. The ACCC report should influence the outcome to the NSW Water Strategy. One suggestion is for water authorities to review their arrangements with private eg Orange City Council's agreement with Cadia Valley Operations (Newcrest).

What actions should be prioritised for immediate implementation and how should they be implemented?:

The proposed FPH provisions should not be implemented or legalised. The health of the end of system must be secured.

### **Other comments**

Do you have any other comments on the draft NSW Water Strategy?:

Water is vital to all aspects of life and endeavour and so, it essential that there is a clear and concise equable plan for sharing it. Water for the environment must come before considering further water demands from agriculture and mining. The NSW Water Strategy must justify the social licence obligations for any increased water take by mining identities when communities are attempting to conserve water.

### **Referral**

How did you hear about the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft NSW

Other

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