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Subject: Your submission for South Coast Regional Water Strategy

1. Information on confidentiality and privacy

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

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

2. Your details

Email address: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Contact phone number: [REDACTED]

Do you identify as an Aboriginal person?: No

Are you an individual or representing an organisation?: Individual

3. Organisation or business details

Who do you represent?:

If you selected Government, please clarify.:

If you selected Peak representative organisation, please clarify.:

4. Draft Regional Water Strategy objectives and vision

Do you support this vision for the South Coast Regional Water Strategy? : Yes

If no, please outline your vision for the long term management of water resources in this region?:

5. Information and modelling used to develop the South Coast Regional Water Strategy

Do you have any comments about the information used to develop this strategy?:

Please provide details if there is additional information you think we should consider?:

6. Stochastic modelling method

Do you have any comments about the modelling method used to develop this strategy?:

Is there any additional information that you believe could help us assess the benefits and disadvantages of draft options?:

7. Opportunities and challenges for water management in the South Coast region

Do you have any comments on the opportunities, risks and challenges identified?:

I don't believe conservation of our water supplies is a big enough focus. Would be great to increase the education and motivation for citizens on water consumption and conservation. Home visits by assessors with ideas and products to conserve water at home. Introducing restrictions at an earlier time to limit water use in City areas before pumping water from our catchment to supply them.

Are there any additional opportunities, risks and challenges that we should consider and what options could address these?:

Could we have a better subsidy for retro fitting water storage to homes which include plumbing into 1 toilet and washing machine. Larger the storage, the better the subsidy. This could increase our coastal water storage significantly in a area which actually receives regular rainfall, and creates employment for local trades.

8. Draft South Coast Regional Water Strategy options

Which five (5) options do you think are most important?:

Please comment on why you think these options are most important? :

Which five (5) options do you think are least important? (If any):

Please comment on why you think these options are least important? :

Do you have any comments on the draft options?:

We rely on our natural systems to keep our communities alive and strong. In every decision we need to prioritize the natural environment over business and agriculture, as they will adapt to the rules we set. Taking too much from the environment, and over allocating water to business and agriculture only delivers disaster for everyone and the Murray Darling is a recent glaring example of poor decisions and management of such a crucial resource.

9. Option combinations

Do you have any thoughts on how the options could be combined with other options?:

Are there additional options that we should consider?:

10. Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the South Coast Regional Water Strategy?:

I'm hoping with recent events such as droughts, fires and floods that government has now realised we need to include exceptional data when making decisions and plan for worst case scenarios as our climate is changing, and we are heading into uncharted territory which need vision and planning. Denial of climate change has held us back and we are looking to YOU to put measures in place to balance a healthy environment first, then everything else can follow.

11. Referral

How did you hear about the public exhibition of this strategy?:

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

