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Are you making this submission as an individual or as a representative of an organisation?

If making this submission as a representative of an organisation, who do you represent?

Individual

<p>Do you agree that these are the priority water challenges for the Lachlan region that we need to focus on?</p>	<p>Please outline what you see as the priority water challenges in this region over the next 20 – 40 years?</p>
<p>Yes</p>	

Priority 1: Build resilience to climate extremes

{"Action 1.1 - Establish a governance framework to coordinate actions under Priority 1":{"Do you support this action?":"Yes"},"Action 1.2 - Upgrade the existing hydrological models for the Lachlan catchment to better represent river operations and drought contingency measures":{"Do you support this action?":"Yes"},"Action 1.3 - Develop ongoing arrangements for participation of local Aboriginal people in water management":{"Do you support this action?":"Yes"},"Action 1.4 - Support place-based initiatives to deliver cultural outcomes for Aboriginal people":{"Do you support this action?":"Yes"},"Action 1.5 - Support groundwater use for towns and communities":{"Do you support this action?":"Yes"},"Action 1.6 - Investigate water security for small and remote communities":{"Do you support this action?":"Yes"},"Action 1.7 - Investigate the need to further expand the regional water supply grid":{"Do you support this action?":"Yes"}}

**Do you have any comments on the proposed actions
identified?**

Priority 2: Ensure best use of existing water for the environment

{ "Action 2.1 - Reduce salinity and soil erosion in the Upper Lachlan and Belubula catchment": {"Do you support this action?": "Yes"}, "Action 2.2 - Protect and rehabilitate regionally significant riparian and instream habitats in the regulated Lachlan River": {"Do you support this action?": "Yes"}, "Action 2.3 - Upgrade and automate existing public re-regulating structures in the mid- and lower Lachlan to build the functional resilience of critical ecosystems": {"Do you support this action?": "Yes"}, "Action 2.4 - Mitigate the impact of water infrastructure and disruption of natural flows on native fish": {"Do you support this action?": "Yes"}, "Action 2.5 - Review and evaluate the Lake Brewster Water Efficiency Project": {"Do you support this action?": "Yes"} }

Do you have any comments on the proposed actions identified?

Action 2.3 will have positive outcomes for the efficient delivery of water for the environment and industry.

Priority 3: Support economic prosperity in a capped system

{"Action 3.1 - Improve public access to climate information and water availability forecasts":{"Do you support this action?":"Yes"},"Action 3.2 - Investigate water use in the Lachlan region":{"Do you support this action?":"Yes"},"Action 3.3 - Undertake a climate impact study":{"Do you support this action?":"Yes"},"Action 3.4 - Support employment and business opportunities for Aboriginal people in the Lachlan region":{"Do you support this action?":"Yes"},"Action 3.5 - Support system water delivery efficiency measures":{"Do you support this action?":"Yes"}}

Do you have any comments on the proposed actions identified?

All investment in this area must target the more efficient use of the existing water resource and not explore options to capture and redirect more water to industry. This area has historically been heavily influenced by irrigator lobby groups and politics. A good strategic document should minimise the ability for an interest group to influence public policy.

Priority 4: Improve our knowledge of water resources

{"Action 4.1 - Improve the understanding and management of groundwater resources in the Lachlan region":{"Column 1":"Yes"},"Action 4.2 - Update southern inland floodplain management plans and audit floodplain structures":{"Column 1":"Yes"},"Action 4.3 - Better integrate strategic land and water planning":{"Column 1":"Yes"}}

Should any proposed actions in this Consultation Paper not be shortlisted and why?

Long List Action 25: Lower Lachlan Efficiency Measures. The system of replenishment flows in the Lower Lachlan Ephemeral Creek systems have a very high environmental value. Historically they were designed to replace flows lost into these systems by upper system storage and regulation.

Long List Action 35: Investigation of Licence Conversion. This action was designed to encourage industry to convert general security water to high security and invest in higher value permanent planting crops. Given the highly variable surface water supply (and the potential for it to become more variable under climate change) policy should be used to encourage the irrigation industry to become more flexible with their crop selections and adapt to a highly variable water supply. Permanent plantings should only be encouraged in the Lachlan valley where there is a more reliable ground water supply.

Should any other options in Attachment 1 of the Consultation Paper be shortlisted?	Which actions should be implemented first and why?	I give my permission for my submission to be publicly available on the NSW Department of Planning and Environment website.	I would like my personal details to be kept confidential.
	Actions that improve system wide efficiency of water use and delivery.	Yes	Yes

Would you like to be kept updated on progress on the development and implementation of the Lachlan Regional Water Strategy?	How did you hear about the Public Exhibition of this strategy?
Yes	Direct email