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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? | Do you agree that these are the most important water challenges for the Macquarie-Castlereagh region? |
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| Individual   |   | Yes   |

| Please outline what you see as the priority water challenges in this region over the next 20 – 40 years? | Priority 1: Secure water supplies for growing regional cities and towns   | Do you have any comments on the proposed actions identified? |
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|  | <p>{ "Action 1.1 - Confirm the level of water security needed to support regional cities": { "Do you support this action?": "Yes" }, "Action 1.2 - Establish a governance framework to coordinate actions under Priority 1": { "Do you support this action?": "Yes" }, "Action 1.3 - Develop guidelines for managing extreme events in the upper Macquarie": { "Do you support this action?": "Yes" }, "Action 1.4 - Adopt a stronger focus on urban water conservation and efficiency ": { "Do you support this action?": "Yes" }, "Action 1.6 - Plan for the best long-term augmentation solution for the upper Macquarie ": { "Do you support this action?": "Yes" }, "Action 1.7 - Reduce uncertainty in groundwater security for the region's towns": { "Do you support this action?": "Yes" } }</p> |  |

| Priority 2: Reduce water security risks for the Lower Macquarie  | Do you have any comments on the proposed actions identified?  | Priority 3: Support industry climate adaptation   |
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| <p>{ "Action 2.1 - Investigate an additional off-river storage at Nyngan": {"Do you support this action?": "Yes"}, "Action 2.2 - Create water savings through changed operation of regulated effluent creeks": {"Do you support this action?": "No"}, "Action 2.3 - Continue to investigate regional water security solutions for the lower Macquarie": {"Do you support this action?": "Yes"} }</p> | <p>*Water security is an important factor to the survival of our region<br/> * Consultation with all affected parties is imperative to ensure the appropriate strategies are implemented.</p> | <p>{ "Action 3.2 - Improve public access to climate information and water availability forecasts": {"Do you support this action?": "Yes"} }</p> |

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| Do you have any comments on the proposed actions identified? | Priority 4: Best use of existing water for the environment  | Should any proposed actions in this Consultation Paper not be shortlisted and why?   |
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|  | <p>{ "Action 4.4 - Remediate unapproved floodplain structures": {"Column 1": "Yes"}, "Action 4.3 - Mitigate impacts to fish communities": {"Column 1": "Yes"}, "Action 4.5 - Provide clarity and certainty for environmental needs during drought operations": {"Column 1": "Yes"}, "Action 4.6 - Assess gaps in the flow regime and identify cooperative actions to improve ecological outcomes": {"Column 1": "Yes"}, "Action 4.8 - Identify regionally significant riparian, wetland and floodplain areas to protect or rehabilitate": {"Column 1": "Yes"} }</p> | <p>YES we OPPOSE Action 2.2<br/> *there has been little consultation with landholder and local groups<br/> * Effluent creeks and rivers sustain a variety of species of birds, fish, frogs and various other native wildlife.<br/> *Agricultural properties along these watercourses have been established with consideration to environment and continue sustain a healthy balance which piping would destroy<br/> *Proposed piping of the effluent creeks will decimate the environment and breeding grounds of many species<br/> *Local economy and employment will be affected in various ways.<br/> * Property values will decrease dramatically and landholder should be compensated</p> |

| 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. |
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|  |  | Yes  |

| I would like my personal details to be kept confidential. | Would you like to be kept updated on progress on the development and implementation of the Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy? | How did you hear about the Public Exhibition of this strategy? |
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| No  | Yes   | Neighbours   |