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As discussed, please find Cobar's submission for the draft Macquarie regional water strategy. Thank you for accepting the late submission.

Kind regards,

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To Whom It May Concern,

RE: DRAFT MACQUARIE-CASTLEREAGH REGIONAL WATER STRATEGY

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Macquarie regional water strategy.

The Dubbo to Nyngan pipeline option currently does not acknowledge or address the high risk to water supply and security to Cobar. There is a need to have the Nyngan to Cobar pipeline replacement acknowledged as a priority in the regional water strategy to ensure town water security for the towns of Hermidale, Canbelego and Cobar is considered. Further, the pipeline is critical in supplying water for mining industries in the area; Tritton, CSA, Endeavor and Peak. The Cobar integrated water cycle management plan and the town water risk reduction program both identify the pipeline to Cobar as a critical urgent need for the region, however, the draft regional water strategy currently does not go far enough to acknowledge this need. Without the alignment of strategic direction between the local level and a state level, the issues facing Cobar and the local mining industries may not receive the attention they require to secure its water needs now and into the future.

The regional water strategy undertakes an analysis of the probability of large towns having their water supplies restricted or experiencing a supply shortfall. It would be appropriate to expand this analysis and include towns that are towards the end of the system to truly understand what risks are inherent in the Macquarie-Castlereagh system. This would allow for a true appreciation and analysis of the risks in the system and promotes risk-based decisions based on towns that would experience far more frequent water supply failures.

Cobar primarily supports the options to construct a new pipeline from Dubbo to Cobar, construction of new storage dams at Nyngan, and the investigation of river/aquifer dual water supply with aquifer recharge. These options promote the most efficient use of water and ensure water can be delivered to the extremities of the system during extended dry weather and drought events.

Yours faithfully,

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