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Subject: Your submission for Macquarie-castlereagh 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?: Other

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 Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy? : No

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

The most obvious and effective solution to provide water security to towns and industries in the upper Macquarie river valley is to dramatically increase the size/storage of Chifley dam on the Campbells River to a 150,000-300,000ML storage, and the upper Macquarie R. FishR. & Campbells R. should all be made regulated streams. Creating a dam this of this size or bigger is the ONLY way towns in the region can sure up water security. It is plainly obvious that Bathurst has outgrown its current storage, and that Bathurst Regional Council has totally neglected its responsibilities to the town by profiting from the population growth through sub divisions, rates etc whilst failing to develop the required infrastructure (ie. increased dam storage) needed to support the growth. Every other option outlined in the proposed water strategy are just band aid solutions to a problem

that will continue worsen as the population in the region continues to grow. How can one of the main "strategies" proposed by the department of INDUSTRY at the behest of Bathurst Regional council be to take water away from the farming industry that feeds us!! Again, a larger storage is the only option to shore up industry and town water security. More people in the region, means more water AND more food will be required to support them, so let's not waste millions of tax payer dollars on short term solutions that will cripple industry and ultimately do nothing for towns water security in the coming years. Build the Dam!

#### 5. Information and modelling used to develop the Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy

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

If we build bigger storages to catch more water in wet times it stands to reason that we will have more water available to use in the dry times.

Please provide details if there is additional information you think we should also 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 Macquarie-Castlereagh region

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

The entire Macquarie River as well as Fish and Campbells river systems need to become regulated streams in order to provide clarity of information around water licences and allocations. Chifley dam needs to be increased in size and it needs to be managed by waterNSW (or the relevant body), not Bathurst regional council.

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

#### 8. Draft Macquarie-Castlereagh 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?:

Entire system to become regulated. Increased Chifley Dam storage

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

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Do you have any comments on the draft options?:

#### 9. Option combinations

Do you have any thoughts on how the options could be combined with other options?: Entire system to become regulated. Increased Chifley dam storage

Are there additional options that we should consider?:

10. Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy?:

11. Referral

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