

Stakeholder engagement

Water is one of our most valuable natural assets. We have a responsibility to the people of NSW to ensure we manage water equitably and transparently now and into the future. Our stakeholders are those groups and individuals who could be affected by our activities.

We recognise that the most effective way to successfully manage water is by collaborating with our stakeholders and the greater community. Our [Community Engagement Policy](#) describes how we will complete this engagement.

We will regularly meet with our stakeholders on key projects and provide opportunities for stakeholders and the broader public to provide input on policies, plans, and other relevant documents.

An overview of our past meetings, exhibitions, and other public engagement activities is provided below.

Past engagement activities 2020

Key dates	Description	Location
29 September 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Project Updates to Murray Regional Strategy Group (MRSG)	Online
28 September 2020	Meeting with Border Rivers Councils on groundwater and regional water strategies	Online
28 September 2020	Meeting with Lower Macquarie Irrigators Association	Online
28 September 2020	Groundwater Update Presentation to Stakeholders	Narromine
25 September – 13 November 2020	Lachlan, Macquarie-Castlereagh & Gwydir Regional Water Strategies Public Exhibition period	Online & face to face
25 September 2020	North Coast Regional Water Strategy presentation to Mid North Coast Joint Organisation Board Meeting	Online
23 September 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Program Assurance Board Meeting #9	Online
23 September 2020	Regional Water Strategies Meeting with the Far West Joint Organisation	Online
16 September 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Options Workshop offered for Members of the Menindee Lower Darling Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)	Pooncarie

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11 September 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) forum for Menindee Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)	Online
10 September 2020	Western Regional Water Strategy - meeting with Far North West Joint Organisation	Online
09 September 2020	Public exhibition period for the draft metering-related Amendment Regulation	Online
07 September 2020	Floodplain Harvesting Project Measurement meeting with Northern Valley Irrigators	Online
07 September 2020	Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategies meeting with Dubbo Regional Council	Online
02 – 30 September 2020	Statutory Review of the Water NSW Act 2014 Public Exhibition	Online
27 August 2020	Central NSW Joint Organisation meeting about Macquarie-Castlereagh and Lachlan Regional Water Strategies	Online
27 August 2020	Water Users Reference Group (WURG) Meeting - First Flush Assessment	Online
25 August 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Water management meeting with Menindee Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)	Menindee
21 August 2020	Meeting with Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation to discuss the Murray and Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategies.	Online
19 August 2020	Floodplain Harvesting Implementation – information session	Online
14 August 2020	North Coast Regional Water Strategy meeting with Coffs Harbour/Clarence/Armidale Councils regarding hydrological modelling	Online
12 August 2020	Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategy consultation with Riverina Joint Organisation	Online
7 August 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Menindee Community meeting - Richard Kingsford presentation	Menindee
6 August 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Yanco Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting 1	Online
31 July 2020	Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy meeting with Moree Plains Council	Online
29 July 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Program Assurance Board Meeting #8	Online

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29 July 2020	Northern Inland Critical Water Advisory Panel (CWAP)	Online
28 July 2020	Southern Critical Water Advisory Panel (CWAP)	Online
27 July 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Yanco Technical Advisory Group Out of Session Presentations	Online
27 July 2020	Public webinar on the Independent Panel's draft report on management of the 2020 northern Murray-Darling Basin first flush event	Online
23 July 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Yanco Technical Advisory Group Meeting #6	Online
23 July 2020	Meeting with Border Rivers councils on Regional Water Strategies	Online
22 – 24 July 2020	North Coast Regional Water Strategy meeting with various Councils: Clarence Valley, Bellingen, Nambucca Valley, Armidale, and Coffs Harbour City Councils	Online
22 July 2020	Water Management Meeting with Menindee Lower Darling Stakeholder Advisory Group	Online
21 July 2020	Barwon-Darling and Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel (CWAP)	Online
20 July 2020	Water Users Reference Group (WURG) Meeting - First Flush Assessment	Online
16 July 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Locks 8 & 9 Stakeholder Advisory group meeting #2	Online
14 July 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Locks 8 & 9 Technical Advisory Group meeting	Online
15 July 2020	Namoi Regional Water Strategy - Groundwater meeting with Walgett and Narrabri Shire Councils	Online
14 - 15 July 2020	South Coast Regional Water Strategy - Meeting with various Councils	Online
13 July – 9 August	Public exhibition of Independent Panel's draft report on management of the 2020 northern Murray-Darling Basin first flush event	Online
06 July 2020	South Coast Regional Water Strategy meeting with South Coast Councils and Shoalhaven Water	Online
01 July 2020	Regional Water Strategies provided a groundwater information presentation to the members of the Namoi Joint Organisation	Online

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01 July 2020	Water Users Reference Group (WURG) Meeting - First Flush Assessment	Online
29 June – 8 July 2020	Regional Water Strategy meeting with various Councils regarding the Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy	Online
29 June 2020	Orana Joint Organisation meeting on regional water strategies	Online
24 June 2020	Understanding rules to protect environmental water in the Barwon-Darling – including IDEC and resumption of flow rules	Online
17 June 2020	Central West Councils Environment and Waterways Alliance briefing about the Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy	Online
17 June 2020	Hilltops Council briefing about the Lachlan Regional Water Strategy	Online
16-18 June 2020	Active Management of Environmental Water for targeted stakeholders in Gwydir, Macquarie and Barwon-Darling	Online
16 June 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Menindee Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) meeting #5	Online
18 May – 16 June	Snowy Licence Amendment – Review of the Snowy Hydro Water License	Online
13 May – 17 June	Independent Assessment into First Flush Event – Public Submission and feedback from the community	Online
03 June 2020	Water user Reference Group Meeting - First Flush Assessment	Online
02 June 2020	Water Security Information Session – Hunter Valley	Online
01 June – 4 June 2020	Regional Water Strategies meetings with Councils on the various Regional Water Strategies: Namoi; Far North Coast; Western;	Online
28 May 2020	Water Security Information Session – Northern Valleys (Border Rovers, Gwydir, Namoi Peel and Macquarie)	Online
28 May 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Menindee Project team Q&A with Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) members	Online
27 May 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) and Murray Valley and Yanga National Parks Project Board Meeting	Online
26 May 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Program Assurance Board Meeting 7	Online
25 May 2020	Water Security Information Session – Southern Valleys (Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and Murray)	Online
22 May 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Yanco Technical Advisory Group Meeting 5	Online
22 May 2020	Water Security Information Session – Barwon-Darling and Lower Darling	Online

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21 May 2020	Hunter Critical Water Advisory Panel (CWAP)	Online
21 May 2020	Water User Reference Group (WURG) Meeting - First Flush Assessment	Online
20 May 2020	Business NSW and Regional Development Australia briefing regarding Regional Water Strategies	Online
18 May – 16 June 2020	Snowy License Amendment - Reviews of the Snowy Water Licence Public Exhibition	Online
16 May 2020	Namoi Regional Water Strategy - Meeting with Narrabri Council	Online
14 May 2020	Joint Gwydir Shire and Moree Plains Council meeting regarding draft Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy	Online
13 May 2020	NSW Minerals Council briefing regarding Regional Water Strategies	Online
11 May 2020	Water Directorate and Local Government NSW briefing regarding Regional Water Strategies	Online
29 April 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Yanco Technical Advisory Sub-Group (Eligibility Criteria) meeting	Online
29 April 2020	State Water Strategy Workshop - Environment and inter-governmental partners	Online
29 April – 11 May 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategies meetings with Lismore, Richmond, Kyogle, Rous, Tweed, Ballina and Byron Councils	Online
28 April 2020	State Water Strategy Workshop - Water Sector Utilities	Online
27 April 2020	State Water Strategy Workshop - Water Sector Regional	Online
24 April 2020	Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel (CWAP) - Meeting	Online
23 April 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Yanco Technical Advisory Sub-Group (Environmental) meeting	Online
21 April 2020	Regional Water Strategies meeting with representatives from peak environmental groups	Online
20 – 24 April 2020	Flood Plain Harvesting Consultation with Landholders in Border Rivers and Gwydir valleys	Online
17 April 2020	Stakeholder Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting - NSW Murray and Lower Darling Water Resource Plan	Online
17 April 2020	Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel (CWAP) - Meeting	Online
9 April 2020	Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel (CWAP) - Meeting	Online
8 April 2020	Floodplain Harvesting Measurement Policy - Targeted Consultation Session	Online

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8 April 2020	Stakeholder Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting - Macquarie Water Resource Plan	Online
7 April 2020	Stakeholder Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting - Lachlan Water Resource Plan	Online
3 April 2020	Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel (CWAP) Meeting	Online
2 April 2020	Stakeholder Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting - NSW Murray and Lower Darling Water Resource Plan	Online
2 April 2020	Stakeholder Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting - Border Rivers Water Resource Plan	Online
1 April 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Modelling seminar - Yanco	Online
1 April 2020	Stakeholder Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting - Gwydir Water Resource Plan	Online
30 & 31 March 2020	Stakeholder Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting - Namoi Water Resource Plan	Online
17 Feb – 28 March 2020	Public Exhibition - Draft replacement of the Bellinger River Area Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources Water Sharing Plan	Online
27 March 2020	Floodplain Harvesting Public information session	Online
27 March 2020	Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel (CWAP) Meeting	Online
25 March 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Yanco Technical Advisory Group Meeting #4 Jerilderie	Online
24 March 2020	Stakeholder Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting - NSW Murray and Lower Darling Water Resource Plan	Online
24 March 2020	Lachlan Regional Water Strategy meeting with Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) councils	Online
24 March 2020	Stakeholder Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting - Barwon Darling Water Resource Plan	Online
23 March 2020	Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy meeting with Inverell Council, Tenterfield Council, and Glen Innes Severn Councils	Online
23 March 2020	Inland Critical Water Advisory Panel (CWAP)	Online
23 March 2020	Border Rivers Regional Water Strategies meeting - initial meeting with relevant Councils	Online
20 March 2020	Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel (CWAP) Meeting	Online
20 Feb – 20 March 2020	Public Exhibition – Draft replacement of the Great Artesian Basin Groundwater Sources Water Sharing Plan	Online
19 March 2020	Stakeholder Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting - NSW Murray and Lower Darling Water Resource Plan	Online
18 March 2020	Stakeholder Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting - Murrumbidgee Water Resource Plan	Online
17 - 19 March 2020	Floodplain Harvesting Measurement Policy - Targeted Consultation Session	Online
13 March 2020	Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel (CWAP) Meeting	Online
12 March 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Community Advisory Group Meeting - Yanco	Jerilderie

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11 March 2020	North Coast Regional Water Strategy meeting - initial meeting with relevant Councils	West Kempsey
11 March 2020	Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy meeting with Central West Orana and Central Tablelands Drought Task Group	Online
10 March 2020	Casino, Richmond River system, Water Security Information Session - Water availability and supply update	Casino
10 - 11 March 2020	Bellingen Water Security Information Session - Water availability and supply update	Bellingen
10 - 11 March 2020	Public information sessions for the Draft replacement of the Bellinger River Area Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources Water Sharing Plan	Bellingen
3 – 5 March 2020	Floodplain Harvesting Measurement Policy - Targeted Consultation Session	Online
2 - 5 March	Public information sessions for the draft replacement of the Great Artesian Basin Groundwater Sources Water Sharing Plan	Moree, Lightning Ridge, Bourke, Coonamble
2 March 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy meeting with Rous Council	Rous
27 February 2020	Hunter Critical Water Advisory Panel (CWAP)	Online
27 February 2020	Hunter Valley Water Security Information Session - Water availability and supply update	Singleton
26 February 2020	Gwydir Regional Water Strategy - second round table meeting	Bingara
20 February 2020	Public exhibition for Great Artesian Basin Water Sharing Plan replacement	New South Wales
19 February 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Community Advisory Group Meeting - Menindee	Pooncarie
17 February 2020	Namoi regional Water Strategy meeting with Councils in the Namoi region: Tamworth Council, Gunnedah Shire Council, Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Walcha Shire Council, Narrabri Shire Council, Walgett Shire Council and Gwydir Sire Council	Tamworth
17 February 2020	Public exhibition for Bellinger Water Sharing Plan	New South Wales
17 February 2020	Namoi Regional Water Strategy - Initial meeting with relevant Councils	Tamworth
14 February 2020	Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy workshop with Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) councils	Bathurst
13 February 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Community Advisory Group Meeting - Yanco	Jerilderie
10 February 2020	NSW Drought Resilience Forum	Sydney
10 February 2020	Healthy River System Forum #2	Menindee

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5 February 2020	Inquiry into management of Murray–Darling Basin water resources - Town Hall event	Griffith
30 January 2020	Lachlan Regional Water Strategy workshop with Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) councils	Parkes
30 - 31 January 2020	International Conference on Sustainable Water Resources Management	Sydney
29 January 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Executive meeting with Yanco Creek and Tributaries Advisory Council (YACTAC) members and Murrumbidgee Local Governments	Deniliquin
29 January 2020	Lachlan Regional Water Strategy meeting with Upper Lachlan Council	Crookwell
23 January 2020	Inquiry into management of Murray–Darling Basin water resources - Town Hall event	Deniliquin
15 January 2020	Harvestable Rights Review - meeting with mid north coast farmers in Dorrigo	Dorrigo

Past Aboriginal engagement activities 2020

Key dates	Description	Location
30 September 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Locks 8 & 9 Cultural values workshop with Alluvium	Wentworth
21 – 25 September 2020	North Coast Regional Water Strategy Aboriginal consultation - Round 2	Armidale; Upper Clarence; Nambucca Heads; Kempsey
17 September 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Menindee First Nations information forum	Online
17 September 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Options Workshop offered for First Nation Members of the Menindee Lower Darling Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)	Menindee
14 – 17 September 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy Aboriginal consultation, Round 2	Byron Bay; Kyogle; Lismore; Tweed Heads
31 August 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy Aboriginal consultation - Round 2	Lismore
26 August 2020	Wiradjuri Local Land Council forum update on Water Resource Plans and an overview of the Regional Water Strategy program	Online

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25 August 2020	Aboriginal Water Coalition Meeting	Online
25 August 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Murrumbidgee First Nations Engagement meeting	Online
13 August 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) program information sessions for First Nations	Narrandera
27 – 30 July 2020	North Coast Regional Water Strategy Aboriginal Engagement – Armidale, Maclean, Coffs Harbour, Kempsey	Online and face to face
27 – 30 July 2020	Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy Aboriginal Engagement – Tweed Heads, Woodenbong, Casino, Byron Bay	Online
21 July 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) meeting with Barkindji Elders and Menindee project team	Online
21 July 2020	Meeting with Barkandji Elders and Menindee Project Team regarding the Menindee Lakes Project	Online
17 July 2020	Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN) Board Meeting – attended by DPIE Water to discuss Regional Water Strategies and the Aboriginal Water Strategy	Online
23 June 2020	Independent Panel interview with Barkandji Traditional Owners on the assessment into the management of the 2020 northern Murray-Darling Basin first flush event	Online
22 June 2020	Barkandji Native Title Board Meeting – attended by DPIE Water staff to provide an update on Menindee Lakes Project and Locks 8&9 Project	Online
18 June 2020	Independent Panel for the assessment of the NSW First Flush event - meeting with the Water Users Reference Group (WURG)	Online
11 June 2020	First Flush Assessment meeting with Nyemba Native Title group & Barkandji Native Title group	Online
13 May 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) governance and Aboriginal engagement meeting with The Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN)	Online
27 April 2020	Regional Water Strategies (RWS) meeting with Aboriginal peak group Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN)	Online
27 April 2020	Draft Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Options Evaluation Framework Meeting with MLRDIN	Online
8 April 2020	Floodplain harvesting measurement engagement with Aboriginal peak groups	Online

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6 April 2020	Aboriginal Water Advisory Group workshop	Online
25 March 2020	Engagement with the Murray and Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MILDRIN), Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN), NSW Aboriginal Land Council and NTS Corp on regional water strategies	Online
24 March 2020	Lachlan Regional Water Strategy Aboriginal Consultation - Hay session via videoconferencing and in Hay	Online
19 March 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Menindee Community drop in session	Menindee
28 February 2020	Murray and Lower Darling Indigenous Nations board meeting	Online
20 February 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Project team and Barkandji Native Title Group meeting	Menindee
18 - 21 February 2020	Macquarie Regional Water Strategy Aboriginal Consultation	Orange, Dubbo, Coonamble, Warren
18 - 20 February 2020	Gwydir Regional Water Strategy Aboriginal Consultation	Tamworth, Tingha, Moree
18 - 21 February 2020	Lachlan Regional Water Strategy Aboriginal Consultation	Forbes, Cowra, Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo
12 February 2020	Regional Water Strategies Aboriginal Water Advisory Group	Online
7 February 2020	Barkandji Healthy Country Plan – Technical Reference Group Meeting	Wilcannia
30 January 2020	Meeting between Sustainable Diversion Limit team and Barkandji elders	Menindee
29 January 2020	Sustainable Diversion Limit team meeting with Barkandji elders	Menindee
28 January 2020	Regional Water Strategies (RWS) meeting with Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council (AFAC)	Sydney
21 January 2020	Regional Water Strategies Aboriginal consultation - Lachlan Condobolin	Condobolin

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