

2020

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
19 August	Floodplain Harvesting Implementation – information session	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
27 July	Public webinar on the Independent Panel's draft report on management of the 2020 northern Murray-Darling Basin first flush event	Online
24 June	Understanding rules to protect environmental water in the Barwon-Darling – including IDEC and resumption of flow rules	Online
16-18 June	Active Management of Environmental Water for targeted stakeholders in Gwydir, Macquarie and Barwon-Darling	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
02 June 2020	Water Security Information Session – Hunter Valley	Online
28 May 2020	Water Security Information Session – Northern Valleys (Border Rovers, Gwydir, Namoi Peel and Macquarie)	Online
25 May 2020	Water Security Information Session – Southern Valleys (Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and Murray)	Online
22 May 2020	Water Security Information Session – Barwon-Darling and Lower Darling	Online

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Key dates	Description	Location
29 April 2020	State Water Strategy Workshop - Environment and inter-governmental partners	Online
28 April 2020	State Water Strategy Workshop - Water Sector Utilities	Online
27 April 2020	State Water Strategy Workshop - Water Sector Regional	Online
27 April 2020	Regional Water Strategies (RWS) meeting with Aboriginal peak group MLDRIN	Online
20 – 24 April 2020	Flood Plain Harvesting Consultation with Landholders in Border Rivers and Gwydir valleys	Online
21 April 2020	Regional Water Strategies meeting with representatives from peak environmental groups	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
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
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

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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
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

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Key dates	Description	Location
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
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
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	Meeting with Barkandji Elders and Menindee Project Team regarding the Menindee Lakes Project	Online

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Key dates	Description	Location
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
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
27 April 2020	Regional Water Strategies (RWS) meeting with Aboriginal peak group MLDRIN	Online
8 April 2020	Floodplain harvesting measurement engagement with Aboriginal peak groups	Online
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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Note: The department seeks to update this table regularly. Changes to events or public exhibitions can take place and some of the details in the table may be out of date.

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