Better Management of Environmental Water

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What we heard

- Broad support for better management of E-water
- Concern over lack of detail on options and need for further consultation
- Better management of E-Water should not be at the expense of existing water entitlements.
- Support for focusing on the Northern Basin
- E-water provides a range of benefits, including social and cultural
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Where to from here?

- Government will be progressing the recommendations of the Interagency Working Group’s Interim solutions package to better manage environmental water and the roadmap.
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- Protect HEW in-stream
- Manage resumptions of flows
- Legislative Amendments
- WSP rules in the Barwon-Darling
- Active Management of share flows
- Northern Basin Connectivity
- Governance and reporting
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To help continue to drive these reforms:

- IWG will continue at least until WRP s commence.
- Further consultation on enduring solutions through WRP processes, including engagement with SAPs, public exhibition of WRPs and additional targeted forums as required.
- Publish explanatory materials on how environmental water is managed in early 2019.
- Consultation on the regulations for mandatory conditions and temporary water restrictions in 2019.