



Regional Roadshow - water reform consultation papers Submission Form

We welcome your feedback on the questions contained in the consultation papers. This form is for those who wish to lodge a hand written submission at one of the regional meetings of the community consultation on Water Reform.

Your feedback will help shape the legislation to be introduced to Parliament, and the development of policies in relation to Water take measurement and metering, Transparency measures and Better management of environmental water.

Please provide your feedback below. Submissions close 15 April 2018.

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How to use this form

Where your comments relate to a specific question, we would appreciate your noting the consultation question you are responding to.

Water take measurement and metering

1. DO NOT CONFUSE COASTAL WATER IN ANY WAY SHAPE OR FORM WITH "COASTAL WATER"

These comments are in relation to unregulated rivers where water sharing plans exist;

(A) Metering should not be required for farm dams that are used for irrigation purposes for water collected from run-off. (B) Most licence holders in river are sleeper licences - therefore meters should not be required, particularly where evidence can be provided of the water being used. (C) Where irrigators have other proof of amount of water being taken from the river/s this should be sufficient.

Transparency measures

See above +

making sure that inspectors do their job in an open & transparent way so that anyone who raises an issue can see the results of an investigation. There have been times when people make spurious claims without substantiation of illegal pumping

Water is a resource that should be better managed.
~~Water~~ Water should be managed for the benefit of all.
Once again DO NOT CONFUSE 'COASTAL WATER' with Murrumbidgee Darling Basin! We need to manage this water resource to its full potential. We need to consider the environment and at the same time be sure that water will be available for irrigators - i.e. farming horticulturists etc. As the population grows - they will need to be fed!
In my area where the river is silting up ^{DURING DROUGHTS} the tidal zone continues to move further upstream during draughts. This destroys riverine vegetation yet everyone turns their back on this. Simple riffles could alleviate this problem - yet nothing happens. The draughts may only be ~~a~~ short ~~and~~ and we

Thank you for your interest in the water reform consultation process.

Please hand your submission to one of our staff.

→ eventually get a deluge to flush the river, but the vegetation is destroyed in the meantime.

Those who hold irrigation licences pay much more in our area than out west. The community should pay for the river gauges ^{used} (to monitor floods). Money from licence holders could be used for remediation of riverbanks, riffles etc.

Remember in the Nambucca the ^{normal} distance of the tidal zone is about 8 kms to estuary - i.e. salt. There is a fabulous resource rushing to our oceans and if an additional 1% of this water was collected the environment would benefit.

Any reform for coastal rivers should not take place UNTIL an honest review of harvestable rights has taken place.

