



Water Resource Plans and water sharing plan

Intersecting Streams Water Resource Plan Area SW13

Agenda

1. **Water resource plan verses water sharing plan**
2. **Intersecting Streams water resource plan and changes to the water sharing plan**
3. **Public exhibition – have your say**



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Departments and roles in water management

Legislation

Water Act 2007 (Cwlth)

- Principles

Instruments

Murray Darling Basin Plan 2012

Water Resource Plans (WRPs)

- How WRP area meets with the Basin Plan

Water Sharing Plans (WSPs)

- Rules for managing environmental and consumptive water

Agencies and roles

Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA)

- Accredit state WRPs to show states are managing water under the Basin Plan requirements

Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH)

- Manage held environmental water that has been recovered from licence buybacks and efficiency projects under the Basin Plan

DPIE – Water

- Prepares and administers WRPs and WSPs

DPIE – Biodiversity Conservation Division (formerly OEH)

- Manages held planned environmental under WSPs and held environmental water

WaterNSW

- Delivers environmental and consumptive water orders

Natural Resource Access Regulator (NRAR)

- Compliance with WSPs and water restrictions

Water Management Act 2000 (NSW)

- Principles
- Priorities
- Extreme events



Water resource plans – a Basin Plan requirement



Demonstrate how water resources will be shared and managed to be consistent with the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.



Set out the requirements for annual limits on water take, environmental water and managing water during extreme events.



Provide strategies to protect water quality and manage risks.



Set out the arrangements for measuring ‘take’ and monitoring the resource.

NSW context

NSW Water Management Act 2000

Water sharing plans

Specify the rules for sharing water to maintain the health, sustainability and productivity of surface water and groundwater sources across all of NSW.

Relevant parts of a water sharing plan are assessed by the MDBA, accredited by the Commonwealth Minister and form part of the water resource plan.

Commonwealth Water Act 2007 Murray–Darling Basin Plan 2012

Water resource plans

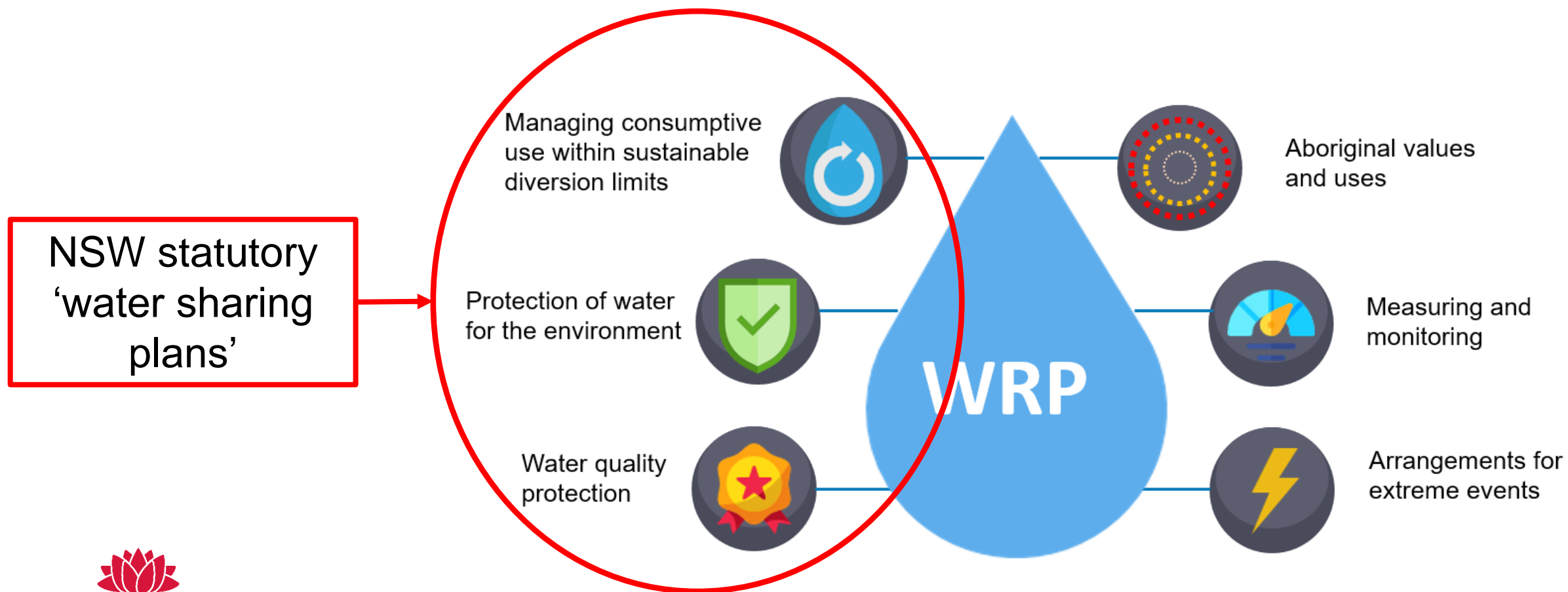
Specify the rules for diverting water within specified areas of the Murray–Darling Basin.

Elements include:

- Compliance with the sustainable diversion limits and water trade rules
- Protection of water for the environment
- Water quality and salinity objectives
- Aboriginal values and uses
- Measuring and monitoring
- Arrangements for extreme events

Water Sharing Plans remain the primary statutory instruments for water sharing in NSW

The water resource plan and the water sharing plan



Questions?



Process for developing water resource plans

DEVELOP



Status & Issues paper

May 2017



Strategy & rule development



Draft WRP

CONSULT



Public exhibition WRP

July/August 2019



Final WRP

APPROVE & ACCREDIT



Ministerial approval



MDBA assessment & Commonwealth Minister accreditation

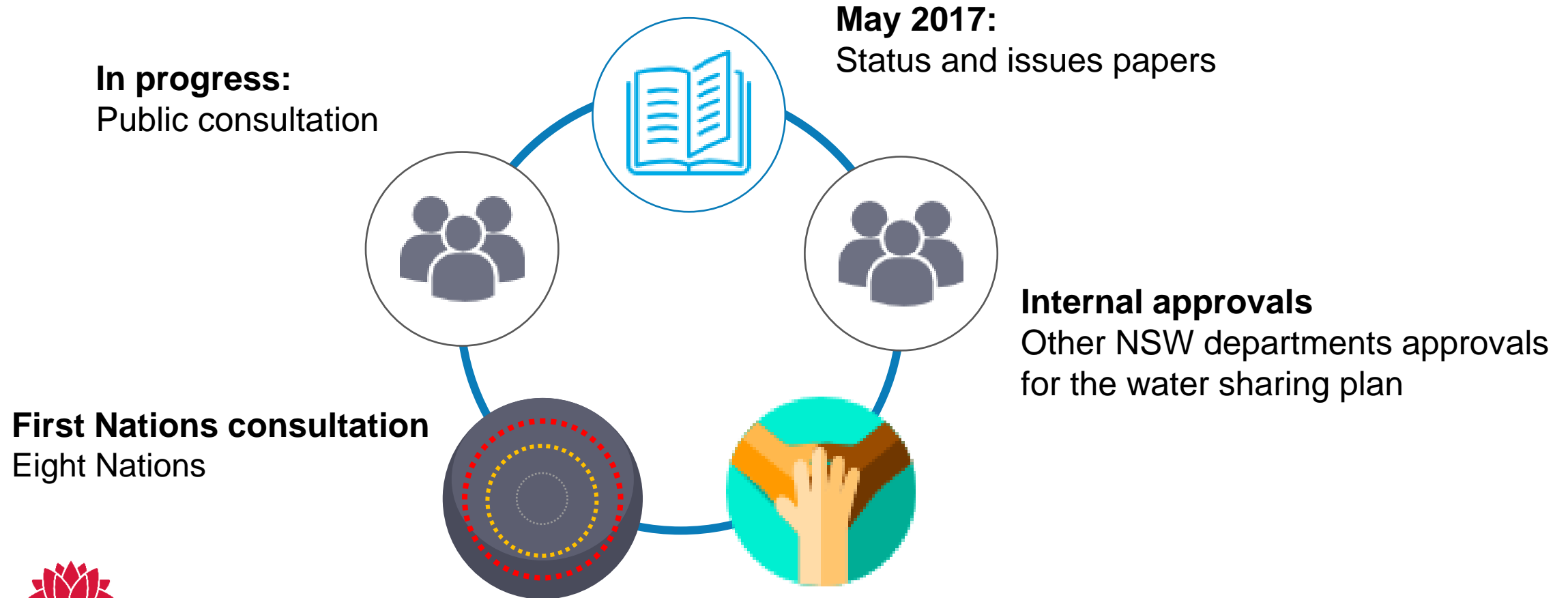
IMPLEMENT



WRP Commences

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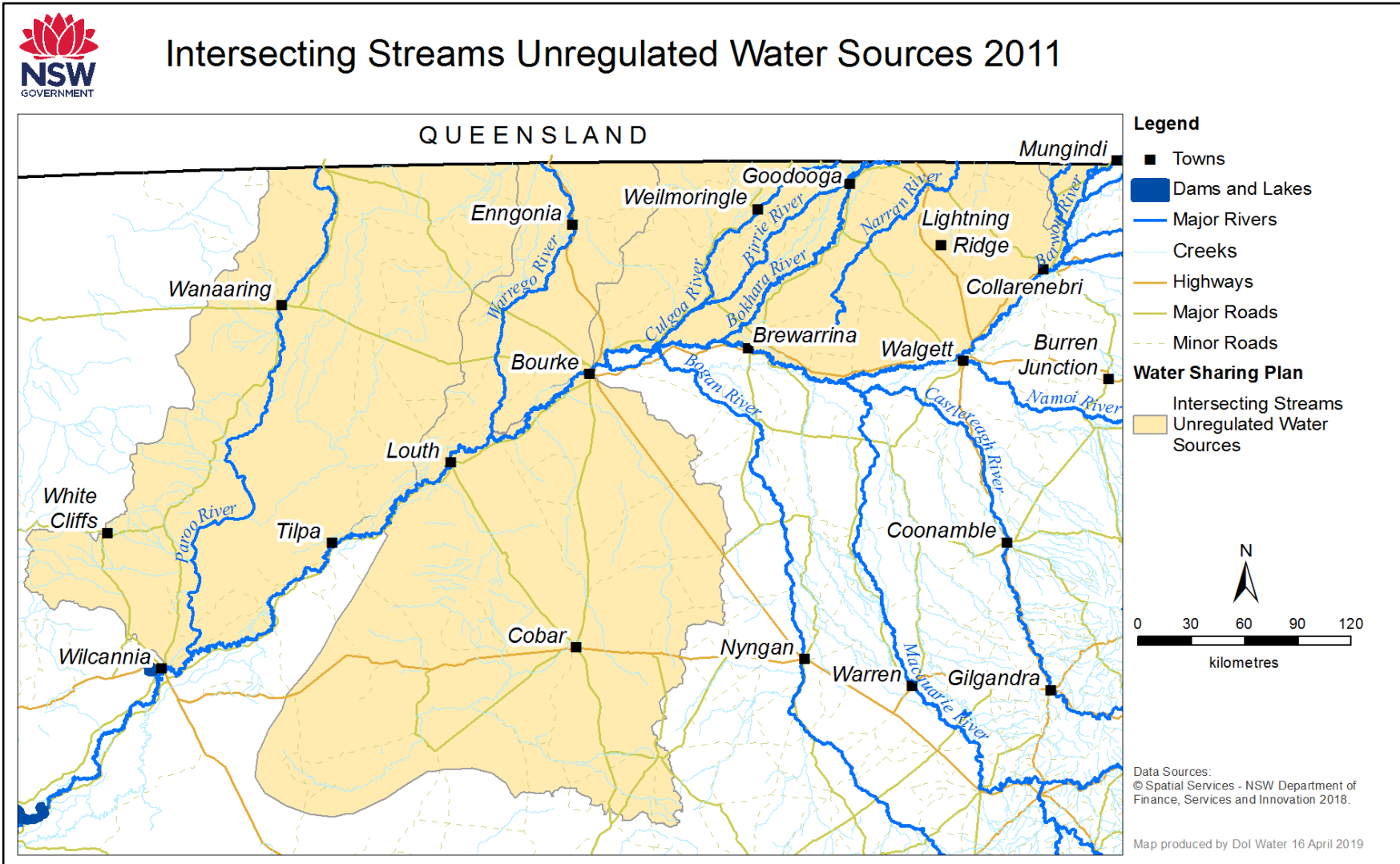
Intersecting streams WRP – consultation to date



Surface Water Resource Plans:

- **Intersecting Streams**

Intersecting Streams Surface WRP area



Proposed changes to the water sharing plan

Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sources WSP



Removal of groundwater sources and associated rules



Improve consistency and alignment with policy positions



Objectives, strategies and performance indicators revised



Establish a second extraction limit, which is the sustainable diversion limit specified in the Basin Plan 2012, and incorporate an assessment and compliance framework for this limit.



Minor wording changes to the interstate trade clause to make the intent clear

Questions?



Have your say

Public Exhibition period

The Intersecting Streams Surface Water Resource Plan will be on public exhibition from 22nd July to 30th August 2019.

More information

For more information or to make an online submission on the draft water resource plan, visit:

www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water-resource-plan-consultation

Have Your Say

www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/have-your-say

