

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 January – June 2021

Key dates	Description	Location
30 June 2021	Town Water Risk Reduction Program local councils' workshop – Coffs Harbour	Online
29 June 2021	Canowindra Public School Infants Environmental Science workshop	Canowindra
29 June 2021	Town Water Risk Reduction Program local councils' workshop – Tamworth	Online
25 June 2021	Town Water Risk Reduction Program local councils' workshop – Queanbeyan	Online
24 June 2021	Draft Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Tweed Heads
24 June 2021	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Millewa Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting #2	Millewa
23 June 2021	Draft Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Lismore
23 June 2021	Meeting with Murray Darling Association	Online
23 June 2021	Town Water Risk Reduction Program local councils' workshop – Dubbo	Dubbo
22 June 2021	Draft Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Woodenbong Tabulam
21 June 2021	Town Water Risk Reduction Program local councils' workshop – Griffith	Griffith

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21 June 2021	Draft Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Byron Bay
18 June 2021	Draft South Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Orient Point
18 June 2021	Lake Rowland to Carcoar and Lake Rowland Augmentation project – Belubula-Lachlan projects workshop	Blayney
17 June 2021	Draft South Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Moruya Wallaga Lake
16 June 2021	Yanco Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting #10	Morundah
16 June 2021	Water Engagement Roundup – webinar	Online
16 June 2021	Draft South Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Narooma
15 June 2021	Draft South Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Eden
15 June 2021	Town Water Risk Reduction Program – Virtual Workshop	Online
11 June 2021	Available Water Determinations update to Border Rivers and Gwydir water user groups	Online
10 June 2021	Central Coast Council – meeting to discuss water and wastewater coordination with NSW Government Water Sector	Online
10 June 2021	Town Water Risk Reduction Program – meeting with Leeton Shire Council	Leeton
10 June 2021	Town Water Risk Reduction Program – meeting with Murray River Council	Mathoura
9 June 2021	Town Water Risk Reduction Program – meeting with Goldenfields Water	Wagga Wagga
9 June 2021	Town Water Risk Reduction Program – meeting with Albury City Council, Greater Hume Council and Federation Council	Albury
9 June 2021	Town Water Risk Reduction Program – meeting with Riverina Water, Wagga Wagga City Council and Lockhart Shire Council	Wagga Wagga
9 June 2021	Draft Western Regional Water Strategy, Western Weirs and other projects – Aboriginal community engagement	Brewarrina

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8 June 2021	Draft Western Regional Water Strategy, Western Weirs and other projects – Aboriginal community engagement	Walgett
7 June 2021	Review of water trading rules from Peel to Lower Namoi Water Source	Tamworth Narrabri
4 June 2021	Griffith City Council – meeting to discuss potential integrated water cycle management pilot	Online
4 June 2021	Draft Western Regional Water Strategy, Western Weirs and other projects – Aboriginal community engagement	Mungindi Broken Hill
3–4 June 2021	Draft Western Regional Water Strategy, Western Weirs and other projects – Aboriginal community engagement	Albury Moama
3 June 2021	Draft Western Regional Water Strategy and Western Weirs Update - Wentworth Shire Council	Wentworth
2 June 2021	Town Water Risk Reduction Program – virtual workshop	Online
2 June 2021	Draft Murray Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Deniliquin
2 June 2021	Review of ACCC Murray Darling Basin water markets final report and recommendations – meeting with Nature Conservation Council NSW	Online
1 June 2021	Draft Western Regional Water Strategy and Western Weirs update – Cobar Shire Council	Cobar
1 June 2021	Review of ACCC Murray Darling Basin water markets final report and recommendations – meeting with Murray Regional Strategy Group	Online
1 June 2021	Draft Murray Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Jerilderie
1 June 2021	Western Regional Water Strategy and Western Weirs update – Central Darling Shire Council	Online
28 May 2021	Draft Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Wagga Wagga
28 May 2021	Draft North Coast Regional Water Strategies – Aboriginal community engagement	Armidale
26–27 May 2021	Draft Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Tumut Yass

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26 May 2021	Review of ACCC Murray Darling Basin water markets final report & recommendations – meeting with NSW Farmers Association	Online
26 May 2021	Draft South Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Wallaga Lake Eden
26 May 2021	Draft Western Regional Water Strategy and Western Weirs update – Walgett Shire Council	Walgett
26 May 2021	Coastal Harvestable Rights Review/Coastal Floodplain Drainage Project – Aboriginal community engagement	Byron Bay
25 May 2021	Draft Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategy - Aboriginal consultations	Queanbeyan
25 May 2021	Coastal Harvestable Rights Review/ Coastal Floodplain Drainage Project – Aboriginal community engagement	Casino
24 May 2021	Draft Western Regional Water Strategy and Western Weirs update – Bourke Shire Council	Bourke
24 May 2021	Coastal Harvestable Rights Review/Coastal Floodplain Drainage Project – Aboriginal community engagement	Tweed Heads
20 May 2021	Draft Murray and Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategies – Aboriginal community engagement	Balranald
20 May 2021	Constraints Measures Program accelerated projects – presentation to Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN)	Online
20 May 2021	Non-urban Metering and Measurement – information session	Tamworth
20 May 2021	Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial water sharing plan – update for water user groups	Scone
19 May 2021	Water Engagement Roundup – webinar	Online
18 May 2021	Draft Murray Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Euston
17–18 May 2021	Landholder consultations – Mid Murray Anabranches (MMA)	Bullatale, Tuppal and Native Dog creeks
17 May 2021	Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial water sharing plan – update to water user groups	Maitland

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14 May 2021	Draft North Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Armidale
14 May 2021	Draft South Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Wreck Bay
13 May 2021	Rice industry water users meeting	Online
13 May 2021	Yanco Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Program – meeting with Yanco Creek and Tributaries Advisory Council	Deniliquin
13 May 2021	Draft South Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Ulladulla
12 May 2021	Draft South Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Moruya
11 May 2021	Review of ACCC Murray Darling Basin water markets final report and recommendations – meeting with Murray, Murrumbidgee, Coleambally, Western Murray Irrigation and Ricegrowers Association of Australia	Online
11 May 2021	Draft South Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Narooma Wallaga Lake
10–12 May 2021	Murray Regional Strategy Group workshop – department attendance	Deniliquin
10 May 2021	Quarterly meeting with Nature Conservation Council NSW	Online
10 May 2021	Draft South Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Eden
7 May 2021	Menindee Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting	Menindee Online
6 May 2021	Coastal Harvestable Rights Review – webinar	Online
6 May 2021	Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial water sharing plan – update to water user groups	Singleton
5 May 2021	Review of ACCC Murray Darling Basin water markets final report and recommendations – meeting with corporate water traders	Online
4–7 May	Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Water senior leadership visit to Menindee and Wilcannia. Meetings with Menindee Stakeholder Advisory Group and Wilcannia Aboriginal communities	Menindee Wilcannia

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3 May 2021	Recycled Water and Dungowan Dam update – Tamworth Regional Council	Tamworth
30 April 2021	Draft North Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Kempsey
29 April 2021	Tweed and Richmond Rivers water sharing plans – update to water user groups	Casino
29 April 2021	Draft North Coast Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Armidale
28 April 2021	Draft North Coast Regional Water Strategy – public information session	Armidale
28 April 2021	Tweed and Richmond Rivers water sharing plans – update to water user groups	Lismore
27 April 2021	Tweed and Richmond Rivers water sharing plans – update to water user groups	Uki
27 April 2021	Tweed and Richmond Rivers water sharing plans update – Tweed Landcare	Murwillumbah
26 April 2021	Tweed and Richmond Rivers water sharing plans update – NSW Canegrowers	Ballina
23 April 2021	ACCC Murray-Darling Basin water markets inquiry – public webinar update on final report	Online
23 April 2021	Wyangala Dam Wall Raising – information session	Cowra
23 April 2021	Draft NSW Water Strategy – consultation with Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN)	Wentworth
22 April 2021	Draft North Coast Regional Water Strategy – public information session	Kempsey
22 April 2021	Draft Namoi Regional Water Strategy – public information session	Tamworth Manilla
21–22 April 2021	Wyangala Dam Wall Raising – information session	Forbes Parkes Condobolin
21 April 2021	Water Engagement Roundup – webinar	Online
21 April 2021	Draft North Coast Regional Water Strategy – public information session	Grafton
21 April 2021	Draft Namoi Regional Water Strategy – public information session	Gunnedah

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21 April 2021	Draft NSW Water Strategy consultation with Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations Ltd (NBAN)	Bourke
20 April 2021	Coastal Harvestable Rights Review – public consultation meeting	Lismore
20 April 2021	Draft North Coast Regional Water Strategy – public information session	Coffs Harbour
20 April 2021	Draft Namoi Regional Water Strategy – Aboriginal community engagement	Walhallow
20 April 2021	Koondrook Perricoota acceleration project – meeting with Koondrook Perricoota Alliance	Barham
19 April–31 May	Webinar and online survey to inform the NSW Government response to the ACCC Murray–Darling Basin water market inquiry final report, public submission period	Online
19 & 20 April 2021	Wyangala Dam Wall Raising – information session	Lake Cargelligo Booligal
14 April 2021	Yanco Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting	Morundah
9 April 2021	Coastal Harvestable Rights Review – public consultation meeting	Tocal
7 April 2021	Coastal Harvestable Rights Review – public webinar	Online
6 April–18 May 2021	5th year review of the Gwydir valley floodplain management plan – public submissions period	Online
31 March 2021	Draft rules for floodplain harvesting licences in the Water Sharing Plan for Macquarie valley – public meeting	Warren
22 March – 18 April 2021	Draft rules for floodplain harvesting licences in the Water Sharing Plan for Macquarie valley – public exhibition period	Online and face to face
19 March 2021	North Coast Regional Water Strategy – engagement with Aboriginal communities	Kempsey
18 March 2021	Review of Coastal Harvestable Rights – public meeting	Coffs Harbour
18 March 2021	North Coast Regional Water Strategy – engagement with Aboriginal communities	Nambucca Heads
18 March 2021	Namoi Regional Water Strategy – engagement with Aboriginal communities	Narrabri
17 March 2021	Namoi Regional Water Strategy – public meeting	Narrabri

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17 March 2021	North Coast Regional Water Strategy – engagement with Aboriginal communities	Yamba
16 March 2021	Namoi Regional Water Strategy – public meeting	Wee Waa
16 March 2021	North Coast Regional Water Strategy – engagement with Aboriginal communities	Grafton
16 March 2021	Namoi Regional Water Strategy – engagement with Aboriginal communities	Wee Waa
15 March 2021	Draft NSW Water Strategy – public webinar	Online
11 March 2021	Measurement and metering for floodplain harvesting and non-urban water metering – roadshow	Moree
10 March 2021	Namoi Regional Water Strategy – engagement with Aboriginal communities	Walgett
10 March 2021	Measurement and metering for floodplain harvesting and non-urban water metering – roadshow	Goondiwindi
4 March 2021	Review of Coastal Harvestable Rights – public webinar	Online
3 March 2021	Review of Coastal Harvestable Rights – public meeting	Coffs Harbour
3 March – 16 May 2021	Namoi Regional Water Strategy – public exhibition period	Online and face to face
3 March – 16 May 2021	North Coast Regional Water Strategy – public exhibition period	Online and face to face
1 March 2021	Review of Coastal Harvestable Rights – webinar	Online
25 February 2021	Draft NSW Water Strategy – public webinar	Online
25 February 2021	Review of Coastal Harvestable Rights – public meeting	Bega
25 February 2021	Yanco Creek Modernisation project – public information session	Morundah
24, 25 February 2021	Draft rules for floodplain harvesting licences in the water sharing plans for Gwydir valley – public information session	Moree
24 February 2021	Yanco Creek Modernisation project – public information sessions	Conargo Jerilderie
24 February 2021	Measurement and metering for floodplain harvesting and non-urban water metering – roadshow	Walgett

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23 February 2021	Yanco Creek Modernisation project – public information sessions	Moulamein Wanganella
23 February 2021	Measurement and metering for floodplain harvesting and non-urban water metering – roadshow	Narrabri
22 February 2021	Measurement and metering for floodplain harvesting and non-urban water metering – roadshow	Dubbo
18 February – 29 March 2021	Statutory review of ten southern floodplain management plans	Online and mail
15 February – 28 March 2021	Draft NSW Water Strategy – public exhibition period	Online
12 February – 12 March 2021	Draft rules for floodplain harvesting licences in the water sharing plans for Gwydir valley – public exhibition period	Online and face to face
12 February 2021	Draft rules for floodplain harvesting licences in the water sharing plans for the Gwydir valley – public webinar	Online
11 February 2021	Floodplain harvesting in the context of Water Management Act priorities – public webinar	Online
11 February 2021	Great Artesian Basin Eastern Recharge Groundwater Source – meeting to hear feedback from licence holders in areas that are most likely to exceed groundwater extraction limits in 2020-21	North Star
10 February 2021	Upper Namoi Zone 3 Mooki Valley (Breeza to Gunnedah) Groundwater Source – meeting to hear feedback from licence holders in areas that are most likely to exceed groundwater extraction limits in 2020-21	Gunnedah
10 February 2021	Upper Namoi Zone 5 Namoi Valley (Gin’s Leap to Narrabri) Groundwater Source – meeting to hear feedback from licence holders in areas that are most likely to exceed groundwater extraction limits in 2020-21	Gunnedah
9 February 2021	Upper Macquarie Alluvial Groundwater Source – meeting to hear feedback from licence holders in areas that are most likely to exceed groundwater extraction limits in 2020-21	Dubbo
8 February – 16 May 2021	Review of Coastal Harvestable Rights – public exhibition period	Online and face to face
8 February 2021	Yanco Sustainable Diversion Limit Project – Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting	Morundah

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Key dates	Description	Location
5 February 2021	Tamworth region irrigators – meeting to discuss salt at the effluent discharge point	Tamworth
4 February 2021	Lower Murrumbidgee Deep Groundwater Source – meeting to hear feedback from licence holders in areas that are most likely to exceed groundwater extraction limits in 2020-21	Darlington Point
3 February 2021	Lower Lachlan Groundwater Source – meeting to hear feedback from licence holders in areas that are most likely to exceed groundwater extraction limits in 2020-21	Hillston
2 February 2021	Upper Murray Groundwater Source – meeting to hear feedback from licence holders in areas that are most likely to exceed groundwater extraction limits in 2020-21	Howlong
2 February – 5 March 2021	Consultation with licence holders in areas that are most likely to exceed groundwater extraction limits in 2020-21	Face to face meetings in various locations
27 January 2021	Yanco Sustainable Diversion Limit Project – Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting	Morundah
30 November 2020 – 14 February 2021	Draft replacement Water Sharing Plan for the Central Coast Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2021 – public exhibition period	Online

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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