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Floodplain Harvesting Update

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Overview

- Policy consultation
 - What we asked
 - What we heard
 - Proposed response
- Timeframes



Policy Consultation

What we heard

- A wide range of (but not all) stakeholders supported the inclusion of rainfall runoff.

Proposed response

- Include rainfall runoff in floodplain harvesting licences.
- Amend the policy to clearly articulate how rainfall runoff will be treated within the floodplain harvesting licensing framework.

Policy Consultation

Should we allow agriculturally contaminated water to be retained on-farm to prevent pollution of waterways?

What we heard

- Support from all stakeholder groups.

Proposed response

- Make legislative and policy amendments that will deliver this flexibility whilst not allowing more water to be taken overall.

Policy Consultation

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- Numerous stakeholders (but not all) supportive of the proposed staged approach.

Proposed response

- Implement a staged approach with a review and evaluation process.
- Develop and publish a program for improving the measurement of floodplain harvesting by 30 June 2019.
- Develop and publish a floodplain harvesting compliance and enforcement strategy by 30 June 2019.

Policy Consultation

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valley basis?

What we heard

- Stakeholder feedback was varied, with some in favour and some against it.

Proposed response

- Amend the floodplain harvesting policy to allow the development of account management rules on a valley-by-valley basis through the Water Resource Planning process.

Timeframes

	DRAFT Entitlements	FINAL Entitlements
Gwydir	June 18	Sept 18
Border Rivers	June 18	Sept 18
Barwon-Darling	Sept 18	Dec 18
Macquarie	Sept 18	Dec 18
Namoi	June 19	Sept 19

NB. Water Sharing rules for floodplain harvesting to be developed through the Water Sharing Plan/Water Resource Plan process