Northern Basin

Split session
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

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

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

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