



State Water Plan 2007

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Draft State Water Plan

- Released 15 October 2006
- 15 week public comment period
- Presentations on draft Plan
- Over 45 submissions received
- Submissions are on Department of Water website – www.water.wa.gov.au
- State Water Planning Review Panel



Major themes

| Theme | Issue | Recommendation |
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| Community engagement | Strong support for ongoing involvement | More detail |
| Water conservation and recycling | Focus on all sectors | Targets strengthened and review of all sectors |
| Integration of land and water planning | Timeliness of decisions and avoid duplication | Joint DPI and DoW priority action |
| Integration with environmental policy | Links with international, national and state policies | More detail |
| Private sector participation and pricing | More information | Discussion on current approach and direction |
| Implementation strategy | More information | More detail included for each priority action |



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| Climate change | Impact of climate change | Progressively review sustainable yields |
| Small business | More information on impacts | Understand water use in commerce and industry |
| Renewable energy | Links with desalination | Greater emphasis |
| Drainage | Clarity on range of matters | More detail on current drainage planning |
| Recreational use of catchments vs primacy of drinking water | | |
| Promote garden bores vs manage use | | |



Changes to State Water Plan 2007

- **Reflect Water Reform decisions and NWI Implementation Plan**
- **Greater emphasis on Water Policy Framework**
 - **Recognition of achievements 2002-2006**
 - **More focus and detail on priority actions 2007-2011**
 - **Lead agency**
 - **Timetable**



Priority Actions

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|---|---|---|
| 1 Use and recycle water wisely | Conservation and efficiency | 7 |
| | Recycling | 4 |
| 2 Plan and manage water resources sustainably | Regional water plans | 9 |
| | Statutory water management plans | 9 |
| | Integrated land and water planning | 5 |
| | Pricing and cost recovery | 2 |
| 3 Invest in science, innovation and education | Groundwater investigation | 5 |
| | Adapting to climate change | 2 |
| | Information sharing and capacity building | 6 |
| 4 Protect ecosystems, water quality and resources | Catchment protection and restoration | 6 |
| | Drainage plans | 5 |
| | Floodplain management plans | 6 |
| | GDEs and wetlands | 3 |
| 5 Enhance the security of water for the environment and use | Entitlements and registration | 6 |
| | Trading | 4 |
| | Metering | 5 |
| 6 Develop water resources for a vibrant economy | Source development | 5 |
| | Sustainability assessment | 2 |
| 7 Deliver services for strong and healthy communities | Safe drinking water | 7 |
| | Service delivery | 3 |



Next Steps

- **Government release of State Water Plan 2007**
- **Implementation and coordination – Dept of Water**

Thank you for your involvement and participation