

Basin Plan Water Resource Plan Requirements Position Statement 1G Socioeconomic requirements

POLICY ISSUE	Consideration of social and economic information required for accreditation of water resource plans
REFERENCES	MDBA Position Statements for risk assessment

MDBA POSITION STATEMENT
There is a requirement to consider social and economic information as part of the risk assessment of water resource plans (see Position Statements for risk assessment). There are no other requirements as a part of water resource plan accreditation.

Rationale

The overall social and economic outcome of the Basin Plan is to deliver a healthy and working Murray-Darling Basin that includes:

- communities with sufficient and reliable water supplies that are fit for a range of intended purposes, including domestic, recreational and cultural use;
- productive and resilient water-dependent industries, and
- communities with confidence in their long-term future (Basin Plan s5.02(2)).

Social and economic considerations were applied when the Sustainable Diversion Limits (SDLs) were being developed as part of the Basin Plan. Therefore, the Basin Plan does not require water resource plans to have explicit consideration of social and economic information. The exception to this requirement is when addressing the intentions of Chapter 10, Part 9, which relates to the consideration of current and future risks arising from insufficient/unsuitable water being made available for consumptive, economic, social cultural and other public benefit values.

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