

POSITION STATEMENT 6A – Change in PEW protection

- b. that the quantity and effectiveness of PEW are at least maintained by the net effect of the WRP, including in terms of the range and frequency of different flow components¹.

The net protection of PEW must be determined based on the characteristics of the PEW, including what environmental outcomes it provides for. This may not include other matters such as offset(s) provided by non-flow based measures.

For groundwater resources, an example of the maintenance of environmental outcomes is no change in trigger levels that limit groundwater take in a groundwater resource. In this case if there is a change, the state would be required to demonstrate that there is no net reduction in the protection of PEW.

¹ See s 8.51 of the Basin Plan for appropriate categorisation of flow components

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