GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN SHALLOW WATER RESOURCE PLAN

Consultation report

Schedule C
Aboriginal acknowledgement

The New South Wales Government proudly acknowledges the Aboriginal community of NSW and their rich and diverse culture and pay respect to their Elders past, present and future.

The NSW Government acknowledges Aboriginal people as Australia’s First Peoples and the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands and waters, practising the oldest living culture on earth.

We acknowledge that the people of the Barkandji, Bigambul, Budjiti, Euahlayi, Gomeroi/Kamilaroi, Guwamu (Kooma), Kambuwal, Kunja, Kwambul, Maljangapa, Murrawarri, Ngarabal, Ngemba, Wailwan, and Wiradjuri Nations hold significant connection to the lands which rest upon the NSW GAB Shallow.

The NSW Great Artesian Basin Shallow is of spiritual, cultural and economic importance to the first nation people, and the NSW Government recognises the connection of the people of these nations to water.

We recognise the intrinsic connection of Traditional Owners to country and acknowledge their contribution to the management of the NSW Great Artesian Basin Shallow landscape and natural resources.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment understands the need for consultation and inclusion of Traditional Owner knowledge, values and uses in water quality planning to ensure we are working towards equality in objectives and outcomes.

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is committed to continue future relationships and building strong partnerships with our First Nations People.

We thank the Elders, representatives of Barkandji, Bigambul, Budjiti, Euahlayi, Gomeroi/Kamilaroi, Guwamu (Kooma), Kambuwal, Kunja, Kwambul, Maljangapa, Murrawarri, Ngarabal, Ngemba, Wailwan, and Wiradjuri Nations and Aboriginal community who provided their knowledge throughout the planning process.
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1 Introduction

1.1 The role of this consultation report

Consultation with stakeholders and the community is at the forefront of the development of New South Wales (NSW) Water Resource Plans (WRPs). Consultation has been undertaken for each of the 22 surface water and groundwater WRPs being developed by the NSW Government. The purpose of this report is to describe the consultation that was undertaken as part of the development of the WRPs. Specifically, this report will detail the public consultation, both broad and targeted that took place within the NSW GAB Shallow WRP area in order to further the development of the NSW GAB Shallow WRP and inform changes to the NSW GAB Shallow Water Sharing Plan (WSP).

1.2 The Basin Plan 2012 (Water Act 2007-Commonwealth)

The Basin Plan provides a coordinated approach to managing Basin water resources across Queensland, NSW, ACT, Victoria and South Australia. In NSW the plan came into effect following the signing of Inter-governmental and National Partnership Agreements in 2014. As lead agency, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment—Water is working with agencies including the Biodiversity and Conservation team to implement the plan. It requires NSW to develop WRPs for each area within the Murray–Darling Basin. The development of each WRP is guided by the requirements set out in Chapter 10 of the Basin Plan. Consultation and the views of local communities are an integral part of the preparation and development of WRPs and the following requirements of the Basin Plan are assessed in relation to consultation.

10.53 Consultation and preparation of water resource plan

(1) A water resource plan must be prepared having regard to the views of relevant Indigenous organisations with respect to the matters identified under section 10.52.

10.26 Planning for environmental watering

(1) A water resource plan must provide for environmental watering to occur…
(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the water resource plan must be prepared having regard to:
(b) the views of local communities, including bodies established by a Basin State that express community views in relation to environmental watering.

10.07 Consultation to be demonstrated

(1) A water resource plan prepared by a Basin State must contain a description of the consultation in relation to the plan (including in relation to any part of the plan), if any, that was undertaken before the State gave the plan to the Authority under subsection 63(1) of the Act.
1.3 NSW GAB Shallow WRP Area

The NSW GAB Shallow Water Resource Plan covers all groundwater within the unconsolidated sediments regardless of depth and all other geological formations to a maximum depth of 60 m below the surface of the ground.

The NSW GAB Shallow SDL resource units include the Cenozoic unconsolidated sediments and other geological formations of Early Cretaceous age (approximately 100 million years old) referred to as the Rolling Downs Group.

The unconsolidated sediments are made up of clay, silt, sand, and gravels primarily deposited by the river systems of the Darling River drainage basin but they also include wash from hill slopes. These extensive floodplain deposits are a continuum of the alluvium incorporated into the SDL resource units of the Lower Namoi Alluvium, the Lower Gwydir Alluvium and the Upper Darling Alluvium. Whilst these three alluvium SDL resource units are within the geographic area of this WRP, they are not part of this WRP as they are covered by the Namoi Alluvium, Gwydir Alluvium and Darling Alluvium water resource plans respectively.

The Rolling Downs group represents consolidated sediments deposited in the early Cretaceous marine transgression and regression and forms upper units of the Great Artesian Basin. They consist of claystone, mudstone, calcrete and shale with minor interlayers of conglomerate and sandstone.

The NSW GAB Shallow SDL resource units sit over and adjacent to the NSW GAB Groundwater Sources, Lachlan Fold Belt SDL resource unit and Kanmantoo Fold Belt SDL resource unit. The permeability of the underlying and adjacent rocks of the Lachlan Fold Belt and Kanmantoo Fold Belt SDL resource units, and the NSW GAB Groundwater Sources is many orders of magnitude lower than that of the NSW GAB Shallow SDL resource units. Groundwater exchange between the NSW GAB Shallow SDL resource units and these low permeable underlying and adjacent rocks is insignificant in the context of the groundwater resources of the NSW GAB Shallow SDL resource units. Consequently, the Lachlan Fold Belt and Kanmantoo Fold Belt SDL resource units and the NSW GAB Groundwater Sources are not considered hydraulically connected in a resource management sense to the resources in the NSW GAB Shallow SDL resource units.

The major source of recharge to the NSW GAB Shallow SDL resource units is diffuse rainfall recharge. Some minor recharge is also expected to occur as downward leakage from rivers. The discharge from the SDL resource units is primarily extraction for stock use. In the Surat Shallow SDL resource unit, there is also extraction for minor irrigation and domestic use.

Lack of spatially extensive groundwater level information and lateral discontinuity of aquifers in the SDL units hinder the determination of groundwater flow direction in these SDL units. However, at a regional scale it is expected to reflect the subdued topography of the landscape and the surface water drainage basins.
Figure 1. GW13 NSW Great Artesian Basin Shallow Water Resource Plan Area
2 Consultation

2.1 Broad public consultation

Stakeholder consultation is an essential part of the development of NSW WRPs and was undertaken throughout the development of the NSW GAB Shallow WRP. The general public and stakeholders had opportunity to provide comment during the early phase of WRP development through the Status and Issues phase (Section 2.1.1) and then again in the later stages of WRP development during the public exhibition phase (Section 2.1.2).

2.1.1 Status and issues phase

The NSW GAB Shallow WRP Status and Issues Paper (NSW Department of Industry) was released for public comment in August 2017. This can be viewed at www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/plans-programs/water-resource-plans/status

One public submission on this paper was received and within these submissions, 11 issues were raised. Issues raised in submissions were logged. An Issues Assessment Report was prepared by the NSW Department of Industry for internal and inter-agency analysis, as well as for consideration of the Groundwater Stakeholder Advisory Panel.

2.1.2 Public exhibition phase


During this phase Department of Planning, Industry and Environment communicated with stakeholders in a number of ways.

- Stakeholder specific consultations
- Public information sessions (early evening sessions)
- Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website
- Submission email address
- Telephone number for inquiries
- Have Your Say website
- One-on-One consultations (where appropriate)
- Emails to stakeholders
- Local media – media releases
- Social media – tile advertising
- Local press advertising

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment invited submissions on the draft WRP and amended WSP. Supporting documents were made available to provide context and background information.

2.1.2.1 Targeted Consultation

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment received five submissions on the draft Plan and associated documents, raising twenty issues for consideration. The public exhibition period provided valuable
feedback from stakeholders that helped to develop and inform the changes that are proposed for the NSW Great Artesian Basin Shallow water resource plan and water sharing plan. A factsheet summarising the outcomes of public exhibition can be viewed here: https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/plans-programs/water-resource-plans.

2.2 Targeted Consultation

Targeted consultation was undertaken for groundwater WRPs through a Groundwater Stakeholder Advisory Panel (SAP). The SAP consisted of representatives of key stakeholders and government agencies. Their role was to provide a forum where draft elements of the WRP could be reviewed, and various interests and views could be put forward and discussed to promote common understanding. The SAP was the focal point for targeted consultation for this plan.

2.2.1 NSW Groundwater SAP

The Groundwater SAP, established in August 2017 takes its membership from the following stakeholder groups or interests:

- Department of Planning, Industry and Environment—Water
- Department of Planning, Industry and Environment—Biodiversity and Conservation
- Murray–Darling Basin Authority
- Seven regional representatives of the NSW Irrigators Council
- NSW Nature Conservation Council
- Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN)
- Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN)
- Inland Rivers Network
- NSW Minerals Council
- Local Government NSW


Broadly, the SAP is an advisory panel that was charged with helping to identify issues, examine options, and provide Department of Planning, Industry and Environment with feedback and advice throughout the development of WRPs.

The number of SAP meetings held as part of the Groundwater WRP development and the issues that were discussed at these meetings can be seen in Table 1.

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<td>Progress on the Macquarie-Castlereagh, Murrumbidgee and Gwydir Alluvium WRP - summary of changes (public exhibition)</td>
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<td>Update on progress on the remaining draft Groundwater Water Resource Plans</td>
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#### 2.2.2 Workshops for all stakeholder advisory panels

The department convened two All SAP workshops during the course of WRP development. Both workshops were held in Sydney, the first on 11–12 December 2017 and the second on 5–6 June 2018. Attendees included representatives from all WRP SAP committees and key NSW government agencies including the MDBA and CEWO. The first All SAP workshop covered three main topics:

- NSW Government’s response to recent reviews and how the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment will approach its responsibilities within the Murray–Darling Basin
- Key NSW policy issues requiring resolution in order to progress WRP development
- How SAPs and agencies can work together to deliver the water resource plans over the next 12–18 months.

The second All SAP workshop covered seven main topics:

- State-wide planning assumptions
- The WRP including the LTWP, Risk Assessment and Water Quality Management Plan
- MDBA compliance framework
- Water Renewal Taskforce update
- First Nation engagement and cultural water
- Northern Basin Floodplain Harvesting and Northern watering event and Southern Basin SDL Adjustment Mechanism and Pre-requisite Policy Measures
- Groundwater policy update

#### 2.2.3 Interjurisdictional consultation

Department of Planning Industry and Environment consulted with representatives from the Queensland Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME) during the development of the draft Water Sharing Plan for the NSW Border Rivers Alluvium 2020 and the draft NSW Border Rivers Alluvium WRP to ensure adequate consideration was given to the connected nature of the groundwater resources.

Consultation included:

- Two meetings at officer level to discuss the principles and considerations for interstate groundwater trade between NSW and Queensland (3rd May 2019 and 16th July 2019)
- Notification to Queensland officers that the draft WRP and draft WSP were on public exhibition
- Two DNRME representatives attended the NSW Border Rivers Alluvium WRP public exhibition meeting in Texas on 8th August 2019.

#### 2.3 First Nation consultation

The NSW GAB Shallow WRP area is located within the traditional lands of, and is significant to, the Barkandji, Bigambul, Budjiti, Euahlayi, Gomeroi/Kamilaroi, Guwamu (Kooma), Kambuwal, Kunja, Kwialambul, Maljangapa, Murrawarri, Ngarabal, Ngemba, Wailwan, and Wiradjuri Nations and traditional owners. The department has spent time engaging and consulting traditional owners of the these groups to identify and record objectives.
and outcomes in regard to Aboriginal spiritual and cultural values and uses within the NSW GAB Shallow WRP area.

Consultation with traditional owners was undertaken using a nation-based model. The department facilitated the gathering of cultural information from traditional owners. Where available, reports, including the development of cultural objectives, values and uses is attached in Attachments A to O.

2.3.1 Face to Face interviews

A series of face-to-face interviews are being undertaken with Senior Traditional Owners (TOs) from the respective Nations. Senior TOs who participate in the face-to-face interviews are drawn from three separate categories – grassroots, Native Title applicants and suggestions from other interview participants. These interviews assisted in formulating the culturally appropriate discussion undertaken in the workshops.

**Barkandji Nation** - Face to face interviews were conducted with three Traditional Owners

**Bigambul Nation** - The Bigambul Nation, through the Recognised Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC), the Bigambul Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (BNTAC), permitted the use of the information collected in consultation with the Queensland Government during 2017 to be used for this water resource plan. The information contained within this report is based on that information exchange, which was followed by telephone and then a face-to-face meeting with the Bigambul Nation to review the data presented in the report.

**Budjiti Nation** - Face to face interviews were conducted with five Senior Traditional Owners who represented two different family groups.

**Euahlayi Nation** - Four of the participants in the workshop in Walgett were Senior Traditional Owners who did face-to-face interviews, including the Nation Organiser.

**Gomeroi Nation** - Eight Senior Traditional Owners were interviewed. These Senior Traditional Owners represented eight different family groups, represented over 12,320 different people and spoke for a broad range of communities and different areas of Gomeroi Country.

**Guwamu/Kooma Nation** - Face to face interviews were conducted with two identified Senior Traditional Owners.

**Kambuwal Nation** - Face to face interviews were conducted with nine identified senior Traditional Owners.

**Kunja Nation** - Face to face interviews were conducted with seven identified Senior Traditional Owners.

**Kwiambul Nation** - Seven Traditional Owners were interviewed or approached for interview on Kwiambul Country. Two declined but gave information at the workshop.

**Murrawarri Nation** - Face to face interviews were conducted with seven Murrawarri Senior Traditional Owners, including the Nation Organiser.

**Ngarabal Nation** - Five Traditional Owners representing nine different family groups were interviewed and spoke for a broad range of communities and different areas of Ngarabal Country.

**Ngemba Nation** - Seven Traditional Owners representing nine different family groups and approximately 2000 community members were interviewed and spoke for a broad range of communities and different areas of Ngemba Country.

**Wailwan Nation** - No face to face interviews have been conducted due to time constraints before the planned workshop, however during the workshop it was clearly outlined that should any Wailwan Nation members be identified as wishing to participate in a face to face interview meetings could be arranged.

**Wiradjuri**: Six Traditional Owners were interviewed across the Wiradjuri Nation. These Traditional Owners represented several family groups, community people and spoke for a broad range of communities and different areas of Wiradjuri Country.
Nations where interviews are yet to be finalised include:

- **Maljangapa Nation** - Consultation is still underway with the Maljangapa Nation with a final report not available in time for submission of this WRP for accreditation.

### 2.3.2 Workshops

Following on from the face-to-face interviews First Nation consultation workshops are undertaken. To date workshops have been held and finalised in the following Nations

- **Barkandji Nation** - Five workshops were conducted with the Barkandji/ Maljangapa Nations during June and October 2019. Approximately 30 people attended the workshops.
- **Bigambul Nation** - No workshops were conducted by NSW in consultation with the Bigambul Nation.
- **Budjiti Nation** - Two workshops were conducted in August 2019. A total of 5 participants, including four Budjiti Traditional Owners attended.
- **Euahlayi Nation** – One workshop was conducted on 4 November Walgett. A total of 8 Euahlayi Traditional Owners attended. Historically connected participants in a Brewarrina Workshop came from Gamilaroi and Ngemba Nations.
- **Gomeroi** - Workshops were held in Tamworth, Walgett, Moree and Tingha in April 2018. A total of 31 participants, including 30 Gomeroi Traditional Owners, attended workshops.
- **Guwamu/Kooma Nation** - One workshop was conducted in October 2019. A total of 4 participants were involved in discussions.
- **Kambuwal Nation** - One workshop was held in July 2019. A total of 4 participants, including Traditional Owners, attended the workshop.
- **Kunja Nation** - One workshop was held in July 2019. A total of 7 participants, including Senior Traditional Owners attended the workshop.
- **Kwiambul Nation** - One workshop was held in December 2018. A total of 30 participants including Kwiambul Traditional Owners attended.
- **Maljangapa Nation** - Five workshops were conducted with the Barkandji/ Maljangapa Nations during September and October 2019. Approximately 30 people attended the workshops.
- **Murrawarri Nation** - One workshop was held on the 9th August 2019 at the Brewarrina Central School Community Hub. A total of five Murrawarri Senior Traditional Owners, including the Nation Organiser, and one interested community member attended.
- **Ngarabal Nation** - Two workshops were held with the Glen Innes Local Aboriginal Land Council in October and November 2019. A total of 12 Ngarabal Traditional Owners attended, representing 9 families.
- **Ngemba** - Workshops were held in Brewarrina and Bourke in October/November 2018. A total of 13 Traditional Owners attended the workshops along with 40 other participants.
- **Wailwan Nation** - Two workshops were held in March 2018 with approximately 16 Wailwan Nation members attending.
- **Wiradjuri** - Nine workshops were held between December 2018 and May 2019 across three geographic areas of the Nation (Lachlan, Macquarie and Murrumbidgee). Approximately 50 Wiradjuri Traditional Owner participants attended these workshops.

### 2.3.3 Consultation outcomes

Where finalised, the reports on the outcomes of the consultations with each nation group are included at Attachments A-O of this consultation report.
These reports demonstrate that:

- The WRP was developed in a way that had genuine regard to objectives and outcomes in respect of social, spiritual and cultural values and uses of the water resources by Traditional Owners.
- Consultation with relevant Indigenous organisations was undertaken.

In addition to consulting with Traditional Owners, the NSW Government consulted with several organisations (e.g. native title groups, LALCS) Murdi Paaki working group, MLDRIN and NBAN. This demonstrates that:

- The consultation had regard to the views of relevant Indigenous organisations with respect to inclusion of Indigenous representation in the preparation and implementation of the plan.
- The consultation had regard to the views of relevant Indigenous organisations with respect to Indigenous social, cultural, spiritual and customary objectives, and strategies for achieving these objectives.
- The consultation had regard to the views of relevant Indigenous organisations with respect to encouragement of active and informed participation of Indigenous people.
- The consultation had regard to the views of relevant Indigenous organisations with respect to risks to Indigenous values and Indigenous uses arising from the use and management of the water resources of the water resource plan area.
- The consultation has regard to the views of Indigenous people with respect to cultural associations with the groundwater resources of this WRPA.

The consultation with the First Nations included the outcomes listed in Table 2.
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<td>WRP identifies objectives and outcomes toward the management of the water resource desirable to Indigenous people.</td>
<td>Consultation completed in conjunction with Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) and Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN).</td>
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<td>10.52(2)</td>
<td>WRP developed with genuine regard to objectives and outcomes in respect of social, spiritual and cultural values and uses by Indigenous people.</td>
<td>An overview of the objectives and values are in Section 1.3.1, of the WRP.</td>
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<td>That consultation with relevant Indigenous organisations was undertaken, including with the Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations.</td>
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<td>WRP prepared having regard to the views of relevant Indigenous organisations with respect to native title rights, native title claims and Indigenous Land Use Agreements provided for by <em>the Native Title Act, 1993.</em></td>
<td>Discussions on native title rights, native title claims and Indigenous Land Use Agreements and the Native Title Act 1993 in relation to the water resources of the Darling catchment. A letter was sent out to NTS Corp to advise on further consultations on country and how they would like to be engaged.</td>
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<td>10.53(1)(b)</td>
<td>WRP prepared having regard to the views of relevant Indigenous organisations towards registered Aboriginal heritage relating to the water resources of the WRPA.</td>
<td>Local Aboriginal Lands Councils were invited; opportunities arose for them to speak of any listed sites on the heritage register throughout the workshop sessions.</td>
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<td>10.53(1)(c)</td>
<td>WRP prepared having regard to the inclusion of Indigenous representation in the preparation and implementation of the plan.</td>
<td>MLDRIN and NBAN provided direct input via recommendations on the appropriate Traditional Owners to engage. This resulted in the relevant Traditional Owners for the Darling Alluvium WRP area being represented. More details on Indigenous representation can be seen in the First Nations Consultation Reports, Attachments A to O of Schedule C.</td>
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<td>10.53(1)(d)</td>
<td>WRP prepared having regard to the views of relevant Indigenous organisations towards Indigenous social, cultural, spiritual and customary objectives and strategies for achieving these objectives.</td>
<td>Consultation included what people would want in the future. More detail on strategies can be seen in the First Nations Consultation Reports, Attachments A to O of Schedule C.</td>
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<td>10.53(1)(e)</td>
<td>WRP prepared having regard to the views of relevant Indigenous organisations towards encouragement of active and informed participation of Indigenous people.</td>
<td>Relationships developed with Elders and a shared understanding of water management prior to conducting workshops with the broader group of First Nation Traditional Owners. More detail on the engagement process can be seen in the First Nations Consultation Reports, Attachments A to O of Schedule C.</td>
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<td>10.53(1)(f)</td>
<td>WRP prepared having regard to the views of relevant Indigenous organisations towards risks to Indigenous values and Indigenous uses arising from the use and management of the water resources of the water resource plan area.</td>
<td>The risks to Indigenous Values and Uses are outlined in First Nations Consultation Reports, Attachments A to O of Schedule C.</td>
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<td>That the consultation has regard to the views of Indigenous people with respect to cultural flows.</td>
<td>Additional consultation underway as part of the Basin Plan commitments package following the Basin Plan Amendment deal. Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is working with MDBA and MLDRIN and conversations will be continued.</td>
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<td>WRP provides at least the same level of protection of Indigenous values and Indigenous uses as provided in a transitional or an interim water resource plan for the WRPA.</td>
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