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**To:** [State Water Strategy Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Your submission for the draft NSW Water Strategy  
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### Draft vision–questions

Which aspects of water management are most important to you and your local community?:

All members of NSW should have equal access to basic landholder rights within normal sharing and environmental constraitions

Do you support the proposed vision for the draft NSW Water Strategy?:

Yes

Please tell us more about your response.:

But it misses a key area it talks little about Stock and Domestic users on properties focus more on productive use town water aboriginal use of water and environment

### **Draft objectives–questions**

Which objectives are most important to you?:

orderly fair and equitable sharing of water

Do you have any comments on any of the proposed objectives?:

Some recent rules introduced by Water NSW and DPIE and NRAR does not acheive this aim

### **Draft guiding principles–questions**

Which principles are most important to you?:

data enabled planning and decision making

Do you have any comments on any of the guiding principles?:

A good example of where government is failing is groundwater bore data in many cases is more then 5 years backlog of making Form A work summary reports available to the public or consultants

### **Opportunities, challenges and actions for improved state-wide water management**

Do you have any comments on the seven strategic priorities identified?:

Reduce Streamline approval process for the community to access water eg Over 6 months to approve Town Water Irrigation Bores

Do you have any comments on any of the proposed actions identified?:

These actions are too general to comment

Are there any additional opportunities, risks and challenges that should be considered in the

Yes The government use to have a large program of locating groundwater by the Water Commission and its successors. This has virtually stopped. Government should do like Mines Department who help mine companies find minerals they should also help council, community farmers to find water by a large GW investigation Project. A recent example is large scale EM survey by mines department where the majority of area no suitable aquifer exists. This survey should

draft strategy?: occur on the fringes of the known aquifers so they can be better defined.

What actions should be prioritised for immediate implementation and how should they be implemented?:  
- Government Fund a Groundwater Find scheme to assist farmers find groundwater in areas where it is more marginal but worth the investment when water is found. I have had numerous examples of where we found unknown water If govt funded it would be a scheme accelerated

### **Other comments**

Do you have any other comments on the draft NSW Water Strategy?:  
Mainly it does not acknowledge the importance of accessing stock and domestic water from bores creeks and rivers and as a result harder to obtain a licence now.

### **Referral**

How did you hear about the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft NSW Water Strategy?:  
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website, Direct email

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