

Bermagui Water Security Project

About the project

The Bermagui Water Security Project aims to identify sustainable solutions to ensure a reliable water supply for Bermagui, addressing the town's vulnerability during drought conditions.

The NSW Government is investigating options aligned with the South Coast Regional Water Strategy. These options include:

- adjusting Brogo Dam's reserve to support water delivery during extreme events
- modifying weir pool volumes or relocating the town water offtake
- building a weir at the offtake to ensure adequate water levels for town supply pumps and support WaterNSW's dam release management.

The Water Group in the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is currently preparing a preliminary business case assessing these options.

Project location

Bermagui is a town on the NSW South Coast on the traditional lands of the Yuin people. It is located within Bega Valley Shire and draws its water supply from the Brogo River via Brogo Dam.

Project need

Currently, Bermagui faces risks of water shortages during severe droughts, with the potential for high or persistent water restrictions. The town's water supply relies heavily on rainfall and is vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

For Bermagui to continue to grow and thrive into the future, communities and businesses require confidence their water sources are reliable and able to support future demand.

Project benefits

If approved for delivery, the project will benefit the region by:

- building better town water security for Bermagui
- providing sustainable water supplies to support Bermagui's population growth
- increasing economic development and diversification.

Project funding

The NSW and Australian Governments are jointly funding up to \$3 million to develop the preliminary business case, with the Australian Government contributing through the National Water Grid Fund.

Project status

A preliminary business case is an early stage in project development and tests the case for investment. It narrows down options to a shortlist for detailed examination in a full business case.

Stakeholder engagement

The Water Group is committed to building and maintaining respectful, trusted and collaborative relationships with our communities and stakeholders to ensure water infrastructure projects achieve the best possible outcomes.

We will offer opportunities for communities and stakeholders, including First Nations people, to engage with us and provide feedback as we develop the preliminary business case for the project.

Engaging with local communities, including the Local Aboriginal Land Council, is crucial to developing culturally appropriate and effective water security strategies.

Upcoming engagement opportunities will be highlighted on the project webpage and on the Water Group's stakeholder engagement webpage.

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