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To: State Water Strategy Mailbox

Subject: Your submission for the draft NSW Water Strategy

Date:

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#### Your details

Name:

Contact phone number:

Postcode:

Email address:

Do you identify as an Aboriginal

person?:

Are you an

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No

Who do you represent?:

If you selected

Government,

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organisation,

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## **Draft vision-questions**

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

PUMPED HYDRO PUBLIC POLICY NEEDED Water is our most precious resource in drought prone regions. Here, we all know what it is like to be on level 5 water restrictions and wondering if our water will run out completely. Pumped hydro power stations can take large volumes of water away from domestic users and farmers, quarantining it to drive power plants, just like coal fired power stations do. Unlike conventional hydro where the water "passes through", this is to the exclusion of all other users of that water. Water that is otherwise available for domestic use is locked away forever. This gets worse as evaporation and transmission loss require more quarantined water every year. Pumped Hydro does not make good public policy in drought prone regions. To allow that is highly questionable policy. Pumped hydro should only be located in high rainfall regions where water is not destined for other uses (e.g. Snowy mountains & Tasmania).

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

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Please tell us more about your response.:

#### **Draft objectives-questions**

Which objectives are most important to you?:

water sources protection liveable towns water over electricity

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

#### **Draft guiding principles—questions**

Which principles are most important to you?:

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

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

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

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

Are there any additional opportunities, risks and challenges that should be considered in the draft strategy?:

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What actions should be prioritised for immediate implementation and how should they be implemented?:

#### Other comments

Do you have any other comments on the draft NSW Water Strategy?:

## Referral

How did you hear about the opportunity to provide

Newspaper

feedback on the draft NSW Water Strategy?: If other, please specify: