

Submission form— Proposed Central Queensland water plan

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Include as much detail as possible. You can attach additional pages if you need more space. Please tick the box at the end of this form if you do this.

You can include your contact details if you are happy for us to contact you to talk about your submission.

Questions marked with * must be completed.

Full name*

Address*

Postal address (if different)

Organisation

Position

Phone number

Email

Signature(s)

Date

The scope of this review is limited to the management and allocation of water. Any issues or comments relating to the assessment or approval of infrastructure proposals should be referred to the Office of the Coordinator-General. Visit: www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/coordinator-general

Which interest group do you primarily represent? (You may tick more than one box)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigator (surface water) | <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian landholder | <input type="checkbox"/> Research/academic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigator (groundwater) | <input type="checkbox"/> Horticultural interests | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism industry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dryland farmer | <input type="checkbox"/> Local government | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial fisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grazier | <input type="checkbox"/> Stock and domestic water user | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational fisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental interests | <input type="checkbox"/> Small business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water service provider | <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce/development | <input type="checkbox"/> NRM Board/Catchment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community group (please specify)
..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal peoples | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry group (please specify)
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> Torres Strait Islander peoples | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

Which area are you located or have an interest in? (You may tick more than one box.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boyne River Basin | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterpark Basin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calliope River Basin | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoalwater Basin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitzroy Basin | <input type="checkbox"/> Styx Basin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
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What type of water access do you have?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemented surface water | <input type="checkbox"/> Overland flow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unsupplemented surface water | <input type="checkbox"/> Groundwater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
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The proposed water plan area

What are your thoughts on combining these areas into one Central Queensland (CQ) water plan?

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What do you think about adding the coastal areas of Styx, Waterpark and Shoalwater basins?

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Are there particular water management issues in these added areas that need to be considered?

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Water in watercourses, lakes and springs

What do you think of the current water management rules in your part of the proposed water plan area?

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If you have supplemented water, are you discussing any changes to the rules with the scheme owner (for example, Sunwater) or water distributor (for example, Fairbairn Irrigation Network or Theodore Water)?

- Yes
- No

If yes, are the changes that you want supported or limited by the water plan?

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Overland flow

How should we manage overland flow in CQ?

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Should the storage limits be changed?

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Should overland flow be regulated in the Boyne and coastal areas?

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Groundwater

How should we manage groundwater in CQ?

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Updating the science

Do you have any suggestions for updating the science that's involved in CQ's water planning?

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Climate change

**What rainfall and climate-related impacts have you been experiencing?
For example, you may have come across some of these issues:**

- increased water use
- increased evaporation losses from water storages and water courses
- waterholes drying up or holding water for less time.

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If you have experienced climate change issues or have made climate-related adjustments to your business, let us know below:

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First Nations and water

How is water significant to your culture and cultural practices?

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What do you see happening on your Country that is affecting your cultural and social practices?

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How would you address these issues?

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Can you give examples of economic opportunities for First Nations peoples that could be provided through access to water?

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Improving outcomes

What suggestions do you have for improving the current outcomes in the water plans?

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What other outcomes should we consider?

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Identifying unallocated water

What is your demand for additional water? Please provide details about:

- how much additional water you need
- where you need more water from
- how long you need this water for
- what your intended prupose for accessing more water is.

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How do you think competing demands for unallocated water should be balanced against impacts on existing water users?

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Growing water needs

How should the water plan/s prioritise competing demands for water?

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How should the water plan/s cater for the growing demand for water without impacting on existing values and users?

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Water entitlements

Should we change more water licences into water allocations? This will work best if all water licences in a water management area are converted to water allocations.

- Yes
- No

What concerns do you have about what it might mean to change your water licence to a water allocation?

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How does your current water entitlement impact on your decision making around water trading?

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What suggestions do you have about including volumes on water licences? For example, should we make sure all water licences have volumetric specifications?

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Water trading

What would improve these water trading markets?

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What would make it easier for you to trade?

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Does permanent water trading need to be expanded across other parts of the proposed CQ water plan area?

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What concerns would you have with introducing water trading?

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More detailed submission

You are welcome to provide more details.

Please tick this box and attach a detailed submission if more space is required.

Please provide your submission by 4 November 2024.

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