



NSW Government
Department of Water & Energy

Submission form for comments on the Central Coast Unregulated Water Sharing Plan

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How to fill out this form

This form can be used to provide comments on the rules and provisions in a draft water sharing plan or water source report card. Key issues are listed below and the Department of Water and Energy would like your comments on these issues. You are also welcome to comment on other aspects of the draft water sharing plan. If you wish to provide more detailed comments than the space provided, please attach additional pages. Please use one form per plan.

Note: some aspects of a water sharing plan cannot be changed as they must meet the statutory requirements of the *Water Management Act 2000*. The key areas for comment are listed below in the issues section.

Post to: Draft water sharing plan comments, Hunter DWE, PO Box 2213, DANGAR, NSW, 2309

Fax to: Draft water sharing plan comments, 02 4904 2503

Email to: CCWSP@dnr.nsw.gov.au

Note: Submissions close 28 January 2009

Inquiries: (02) 4904 2535

Information on privacy and confidentiality

Submissions received by the Department in relation to water sharing plans will be used by the Department and the Regional Panel to review the draft water sharing plan. The Department values your input into the water sharing plan process and appreciates that information you provide may be of a private and personal nature.

If you wish your submission or your personal details to be treated as confidential for any reason then you can request this. Please indicate your preference by ticking the relevant box on the submission form below. You should be aware that the Department may be required by law to release copies of submissions received to third parties. A request for access to a confidential submission will be determined in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1989*.

Please be aware that if you **do not** make a request for confidentiality, the Department may make your submission, including any personal details contained in the submission, available to the public, if requested to do so.

I would like my submission to be treated as confidential	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
I would like my personal details to be treated as confidential	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

Name			
Postal Address			P/C
Stakeholder Group (please indicate which of the following <u>best represents your interest</u> by ticking one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> Irrigator Interests	<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal Interest	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment Interests
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Interests	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Landholder	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Member
	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Govt./Utilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	
Which water source/s do your comments relate to?			
ISSUES	COMMENTS (PLEASE PROVIDE REASONS FOR YOUR CONCERNS)		
1. Impacts of plan: what impact would the rules in the draft plan have on your operations or the water source?			
2. Cease/commence to pump levels: are these too high or too low? (The cease to pump is the higher of the upper limit of the very low flow class set out in Part 3 in the section on <i>Flow classes for these water sources</i>)			

<p>3. Sharing flows on a daily basis: are the daily extraction limits appropriate? (Refer to the section <i>Sharing surface water flows on a daily basis</i> in Part 10.)</p>	
<p>4. Appropriateness of flow reference point eg. Gauge (refer to Part 3, Clause 16)</p>	
<p>5. Environmental water provisions: do they provide adequate protection for the environment? (Refer to Part 4 <i>Environmental water provisions</i>.)</p>	
<p>6. Aboriginal Cultural Values: do the environmental water provisions provide adequate protection for Aboriginal cultural values?</p>	
<p>7. Trading rules: are these too restrictive or insufficient to protect environmental/cultural values? (Refer to Part 11 <i>Access licence dealing rules</i>.)</p>	
<p>8. Water access licences that can be applied for: are these appropriate? (Refer to Part 8 <i>Rules for granting access licences</i>)</p>	

<p>9. Circumstances where plan can change: are these appropriate? (Refer to Part 15 <i>Amendment to this Plan</i>)</p>	
<p>10. Ministers Notes Specific comment is being sought on issues raised in Ministers Notes in the plan in regard to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. High flow access for unregulated river access licences in the Wyong River water source (pg 8)2. Share components proposed for local water utility access licences (pg 15)3. Licences listed in Schedule 2 (access in very low flows) (pg 44)	
<p>11. Other Comments (any other aspects of the draft plan)</p>	