

From: Have Your Say - Agriculture

To: Have Your Say; GAB Secretariat

Subject: completed Draft Great Artesian Basin Strategic Management Plan 2018 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

just submitted the survey 'Draft Great Artesian Basin Strategic Management Plan 2018' with the responses below.

Respondent Details

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No Answer

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Would you like to complete the submission online or as a written document?

Complete the submission online

Which interest group (if any) do you primarily identify with? (You may tick more than one box)

Other (please specify)

Other (please specify)

Community/school garden and horticulture. Water watch surveys with students and occasionally with community Nature Club. Provide opportunity for community to experience Geological formations, Catchment areas, historical mine sites, do revegetation

Vision

Do you have any feedback about the Vision?

Water Management in Australia is at a critical point, A Holistic Management Structure is urgently needed to address the ongoing over sight of Australia's most valuable resource

Issues, challenges and opportunities

Do you have any feedback about new or emerging issues, challenges and opportunities?

Fracking is a ludicrous proposition in the GAB, no amount of \$ can justify the known risks, actual volumes of water used is only a small aspect of the impact that CSG would have on GAB) Stop all CSG in the Basin.

Principle 1: Coordinated governance

Tell us what you think about the principle, its objectives and outcomes.

The principle is clearly explained and appropriate Strongly disagree

The objectives of this principle are appropriate Strongly disagree

The outcomes will measure successful achievement of the objectives Strongly disagree

Do you have any other feedback about this principle and/or its objectives and outcomes?

"Regulatory frameworks facilitating innovative solutions and productive developments to ensure the Basin groundwater system is used in a way that optimises economic, social and environmental outcomes." If you are going to optimise economic outcomes you need to have : Government and Traditional Owners Management Utilities with big teeth and large penalties for deliberate non compliance.

Principle 2: A healthy resource

Tell us what you think about the principle, its objectives and outcomes.

The principle is clearly explained and appropriate Agree

The objectives of this principle are appropriate Agree

The outcomes will measure successful achievement of the objectives Agree

Do you have any other feedback about this principle and/or its objectives and outcomes?

"where Basin aquifers are identified as stressed, Basin governments put in place management plans for their long-term sustainable management." The Artesian Flows will not support the Economic demands. It will be at the cost of the Environment just like killing the Darling River for Cotton.

Principle 3: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander values, cultural heritage and other community values

Tell us what you think about the principle, its objectives and outcomes.

The principle is clearly explained and appropriate Agree

The objectives of this principle are appropriate Agree

The outcomes will measure successful achievement of the objectives Agree

Do you have any other feedback about this principle and/or its objectives and outcomes?

...."Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to occupy dry inland areas of Australia for more than 40,000 years, and communities maintain cultural, social and spiritual connections"..... The outcome I see here is isolated water holes (Cultural Sites) being fed by plastic pipes.And a Fracked surface Landscape and a contaminated, GAB.

Principle 4: Secure and managed access

Tell us what you think about the principle, its objectives and outcomes.

The principle is clearly explained and appropriate Agree

The objectives of this principle are appropriate Not sure

The outcomes will measure successful achievement of the objectives Strongly agree

Do you have any other feedback about this principle and/or its objectives and outcomes?

"Public confidence that the management of groundwater access and extraction is in accordance with agreed statutory requirements" When these requirements have been finalised and prior to implementation there needs to be full public disclosure. "Extraction and management of groundwater, including storage, disposal and aquifer reinjection, is in accordance with rights and responsibilities specified in relevant authorisations." You have already agreed to allow CSG and Fracking knowing that it will destroy the GAB. Your outcome needs to be Federal Royal Commission Federal ICAC and Federal EPA

Principle 5: Judicious use

Tell us what you think about the principle, its objectives and outcomes.

The principle is clearly explained and appropriate Strongly agree

The objectives of this principle are appropriate Agree

The outcomes will measure successful achievement of the objectives Agree

Do you have any other feedback about this principle and/or its objectives and outcomes?

The language you use predicts the destruction of GAB, In fact it appears to predict it is going to happen faster.

Principle 6: Information, knowledge and understanding for good management

Tell us what you think about the principle, its objectives and outcomes.

The principle is clearly explained and appropriate Not sure

The objectives of this principle are appropriate Agree

The outcomes will measure successful achievement of the objectives Strongly agree

Do you have any other feedback about this principle and/or its objectives and outcomes?

Investing in the acquisition of knowledge. in reference to EIS and natural recharge etc is dependant on who writes the tenders and who "wins" the contracts. I think all that \$ can be put back into Australian Government Scientific Establishments and possibly Australian Universities dependant on where the \$ come from.

Principle 7: Information management, communication and education

Tell us what you think about the principle, its objectives and outcomes.

The principle is clearly explained and appropriate Not sure

The objectives of this principle are appropriate Agree

The outcomes will measure successful achievement of the objectives Agree

Do you have any other feedback about this principle and/or its objectives and outcomes?

"provide a community gateway to authoritative information products about Basin groundwater systems, and their values, health, management and use." This will depend on who the gate keeper is.

Implementation

Do you have any feedback about the implementation section of the draft Plan 2018?

"continue to enable stakeholders to participate in Basin-wide policy and decision making" Why should CSG and Mining companies be allowed to participate.? I am devastated and totally depressed by the continued destruction of our Country

for a few short term \$. Unless the recommendations lead to Establishing new Government Instruments to manage the GAB now and then rapidly move to a Holistic Management System

Additional feedback

Do you think the principles, objectives and outcomes provides the necessary framework to guide the actions of governments, traditional owners, water users and other interests to achieve continued improvement in the management of the Basin?

There has been a lot of work go into this and the reference list is considerable and beyond my time restraints to view. However This feedback Survey was only made available to me, 08 11 18 , Surely this should have been widely available and advertised months ago ??

Is there anything else you want to tell us about the management of the Great Artesian Basin?

The GAB is more valuable than money.

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Contacting you

Can we contact you about future activities and projects relating to the Great Artesian Basin Strategic Management Plan 2018?

Yes

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