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To: Have Your Say; GAB Secretariat

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

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

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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)

Dryland farmer

Vision

Do you have any feedback about the Vision?

The vision sounds great but I am very skeptical about what it really means. It's just fluff and really can mean anything.

Issues, challenges and opportunities

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

The emerging issues caused by small minded big business MINING interests. Taking far more water than what the basin has capacity for when we don't really understand this precious asset. Farmers and towns need this water to LIVE. Poison our water and there is no life or industry for us EVER

Principle 1: Coordinated governance

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

The principle is clearly explained and appropriate Agree

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The objectives of this principle are appropriate Agree

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?

Clearly the measure of successful achievement of the objective is to still have the GAB providing water for the communities and farmers who depend on this water. Mining especially Coal Seam Gas companies do not care if they contaminate this precious resource because of their greed to extract the gas. Short term mindlessness long term disastrous impact on our community.

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 Strongly disagree

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

Yes indeed my community is concerned about the "take" from new industries mainly mining. (P11). It is very soft to suggest that these industries removing huge volumes will be asked to "any opportunities to avoid additional take and maximise savings through improved efficiency or innovation need to be explored by all water users". Do you really think this will happen? They are only interested in making money especially being self-regulated. Mining especially CSG is wasteful and has questionable water behaviour- don't care about the environment, heavy metals leaching into the GAB- They are not going to declare any issues- Don't trust them-DONT believe them. BELIEVE the communities who are invested in the country which this water provides LIFE! MINING will always want MORE WHO is providing the evidence??? The MINING INDUSTRY-- they are not to be trusted, AS evidence contaminated water flowing into a watercourse in the Pilliga by SANTOS fined only \$1500. Come on we are not stupid- we can see what is going on here. Mining gets the free ride- farmers and community have to follow the laws "where Basin aquifers are identified as stressed, Basin governments put in place management plans for their long-term sustainable management" how does this work is over 15 years the plan will be only assessed every 5 years. IT will be too late. The basin needs to be constantly assessed by an independent group- not stacked with mining interests

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 Strongly agree

The objectives of this principle are appropriate Strongly 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?

Yes the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders should be consulted with and during the plan. It is important to respect the rich history of their culture.

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 Not sure

The objectives of this principle are appropriate	Not sure
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The outcomes will measure successful achievement of the objectives	Not sure
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Do you have any other feedback about this principle and/or its objectives and outcomes?

Not sure what this principle is really going to do- it really needs clear management and set rules so that big business will not walk in and do whatever it wants to do- Can't help think that really the GAB is a resource which can make some people /govt/ companies very rich- who cares about the water and the environment

Principle 5: Judicious use

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

The principle is clearly explained and appropriate	Strongly disagree
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The objectives of this principle are appropriate	Strongly disagree
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The outcomes will measure successful achievement of the objectives	Strongly disagree
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Do you have any other feedback about this principle and/or its objectives and outcomes?

This is clearly a joke. You are trading the water for INDUSTRY- - making huge money on this--""This includes overcoming trade barriers and encouraging, where appropriate, the trading of water to users who will value it the most" Perhaps the CHINESE will value it the most - BIG MINING also- they are the ones who can afford the smart lawyers to tell you that they will value it the most-- Im sure that this will not be the case--- what about the small communities and the drought torn ag industry-- they value it TOO-- they need it to live out here---they are too busy trying to make a living than to write fancy words to tell YOU how much they value the water!! Come on this is a JOKE and you know it!!!!

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	Strongly disagree
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The objectives of this principle are appropriate	Strongly disagree
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The outcomes will measure successful achievement of the objectives	Strongly disagree
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Do you have any other feedback about this principle and/or its objectives and outcomes?

Who is going to collect this evidence- Clearly you are very critical of what has happened before this- perhaps you would like it if no one lived out here and just the mining companies particularly the CSG were allowed to have their way and do what ever they want--- it is the people who keep these companies honest

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	Strongly disagree
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The objectives of this principle are appropriate	Strongly disagree
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The outcomes will measure successful achievement of the objectives	Strongly disagree
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Do you have any other feedback about this principle and/or its objectives and outcomes?

This is another joke ""Such relationships are a key to establishing the willing adoption of management measures and minimising the need for costly compliance enforcement and confrontation". You are all soft and trusting of big business- of course they will do the right thing and comply- they won't take any more water than necessary- they won't contaminate the GAB-- Yeah right---

Implementation

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

This plan may have been originally designed to incorporate and consider all invested parties but I can't help feel that there are plenty of loop holes for Big business especially mining and CSG to make a lot of money from this scheme. It seems that this plan invites investors and trading water for big business. It allows these companies to self regulate- it seems to say of course we trust the big business- they won't stuff anything up---Farmers and communities are dependent of this water and this policy seems to be in the favour of big business Shame on this policy-----SHAME on YOU!!!

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?

Yes it is very necessary to provide a framework to manage the Basin however there are many things needing to be addressed and fixed as BIG BUSINESS is making a play for this valuable resource and you are letting this happen- right under the community noses--- SHAME on you

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

Clearly you are allowing us the community to have our say on the management of the GAB- really you are not going to listening to the community knowledge and expertise but you are going to whatever you are wanting to do- and very much listening to the BIG BUSINESS to make money from this valuable resource and stuff everyone who lives and depends on this resource to actually LIVE SHAME SHAME SHAME

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

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