

# GOULBURN MULWAREE COUNCIL WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Goulburn Mulwaree  
Water Management Strategy



## WHY DOES GOULBURN MULWAREE NEED A WATER STRATEGY?

- Goulburn Mulwaree LGA has been experiencing an ongoing water shortage caused by a combination of severe drought and increasing demands for water.
- The Council has developed a number of ways of managing this issue including Level 5 water restrictions, developing an Emergency Supply Contingency Plan, permitting grey water re-use during drought, promoting rainwater tanks, community education, and investigating management actions such as indirect potable reuse.
- Council is now looking to develop a sustainable, long term solution to the water shortage with the cooperation and support of the local community.

## WHY ARE YOUR VIEWS IMPORTANT TO US?

- Water shortage has a significant impact on the quality of people's lives. It is recognised that water is one of the key issues of concern for the Goulburn Mulwaree community.
- We cannot solve this problem without your contributions and suggestions.
- Council seeks to understand the needs and concerns of the community, key stakeholders and a range of water-user groups, so that potential options for the future are developed in partnership with the local community.
- Councillors will review the outcomes of the community consultation process, to inform their decisions about a Water Management Strategy for Goulburn-Mulwaree.

## WHO ELSE IS INVOLVED?

- UrbisJHD are conducting the consultation process on behalf of Council. Community consultation will include community surveys, focus groups, forums with the community and interested stakeholder groups and interviews with key stakeholders over the next six months. UrbisJHD have partnered with Storm\_Consulting to undertake this project.
- Parsons Brinckerhoff are conducting technical analysis & producing an integrated water cycle management plan.

### PHASE ONE

#### CONTEXT ANALYSIS AND PROFILE OF ISSUES

Review of existing information, community survey to identify views and understanding, focus groups to test survey findings

### PHASE TWO

#### IDENTIFICATION OF OPTIONS AND PRIORITIES

Community and Stakeholder forums to discuss emerging options, community information and feedback sessions

### PHASE THREE

#### INVESTIGATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Summary report of consultation findings, technical studies to develop options and assess feasibility

### PHASE FOUR

#### TESTING AND REVIEW

Review of outcomes of technical studies, community forums, stakeholder forums, community survey to test developed options

### PHASE FIVE

#### FINALISATION AND REPORTING

Summary Report of consultation outcomes, presentation of findings to working committee, project reference group and to councillors to review outcomes

- In Phases 1 and 2, Parsons Brinckerhoff and UrbisJHD will be reviewing previous research and reports regarding water management issues in the area. A survey will be conducted to identify community views and understandings. We will also carry out focus groups and workshops in local communities to discuss the survey findings and identify potential options.
- In Phase 3, outcomes from community consultation will be considered by Council, and options for further investigation and development will be identified.
- In Phase 4, the outcomes from these studies will be discussed through a second series of community and stakeholder workshops across local communities. A second community survey will also ask for people's views regarding potential options.
- In Phase 5, we will produce a summary report of findings to Council, describing community responses to the proposed options. This will inform Council's decision-making processes regarding water management in Goulburn-Mulwaree.

## *HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?*

There are a number of ways you can get involved. You can:

- fill out the community surveys
- look out for news and details of consultation activities in your area
- talk to your friends and neighbours about your ideas and suggestions
- send UrbisJHD your questions, comments and views – we want to hear from you !

## *WHERE CAN YOU GET MORE INFORMATION?*

For information on the Goulburn Mulwaree Water Management Strategy, contact:

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For more information on the Community Consultation process and to send us your comments, contact:

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## *PROJECT FUNDING*

The Australian Government is contributing funds of up to \$50,000 from the Water Smart Australia Programme to the Goulburn Mulwaree community consultation process for a sustainable long term solution to secure Goulburn's water supply. Further information about the Australian Government's Water Smart Australia Programme is available at <http://www.nwc.gov.au>.

The project may attract a subsidy of up to 50% through the Department of Energy Utilities and Sustainability. Council aims to satisfy State Government guidelines to be eligible for these funds.