

Public Notice

Preliminary public consultation notice – Proposed replacement of the Water Plan (Logan Basin) 2007 – s44 of the *Water Act 2000*

1. Proposal to replace the Water Plan (Logan Basin) 2006

Notice is given under section 44 of the *Water Act 2000* that the Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water proposes to replace the Water Plan (Logan Basin) 2007 (the Logan Basin water plan).

2. Water to which the plan will apply

It is proposed that the replacement Logan Basin water plan will continue to apply to the following water in the plan area:

- water in a watercourse, lake or spring; and
- water in springs not connected to water to which the Water Plan (Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers) 2017 applies.

It is also proposed to investigate whether the replacement Logan Basin water plan will apply to overland flow water and underground water in the plan area.

3. Reason for preparing the replacement plan

The Logan Basin water plan is due to expire on 14 December 2026. Assessments indicate the implementation of the plan has been effective in achieving many of the plan outcomes. However, to ensure the Logan Basin water plan can continue to advance the sustainable management of water resources in the plan area, the following issues need to be considered –

- effectiveness of outcomes, measures, strategies and performance indicators set out in the water plan
- opportunities for new unallocated water reserves
- future urban needs and water security for off-grid communities
- effectiveness of water sharing and water trading rules
- effectiveness of environmental management rules
- incorporating best-available science, including consideration of climate change on water availability and the water needs for the environment
- underground water management in the moratorium area of Tamborine Mountain
- underground water and overland flow water management
- current and emerging interests of Aboriginal people, Torres Strait Islander people and Native Title Holders in relation to water resources in the Logan Basin water plan area
- entitlements without volumetric limits
- requirements under the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

To address these issues, I propose to prepare a replacement Logan Basin water plan. It is also proposed that key documents which implement the plan, including the Water Management Protocol, Water Entitlement Notice, Resource Operations Licence and Operations Manual, will be developed or amended as necessary during the plan replacement process.

4. Proposed arrangements for consultation

Submissions are now being sought. I encourage anyone with an interest in the Logan Basin water plan area to consider putting forward their thoughts on water management in the plan area through a submission.

Submissions received and engagement with key stakeholders including water users, water supply scheme operators, Aboriginal People and Torres Strait Islanders and other interest groups will inform the development of the draft replacement Logan Basin water plan.

There will be further opportunity for consultation through a public submissions process and meetings with key stakeholders following the release of the draft replacement Logan Basin water plan.

5. Enquiries and submission process

For further information or to make a submission on water planning aspects within the Logan Basin, please use the following:

- email LoganWP@rdmw.qld.gov.au
- telephone 07 3708 8999
- or by post to

Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water
Chief Executive
Water Planning and Science South Region
Attention: Senior Policy Officer
GPO Box 2247
Brisbane QLD 4001

Submissions will close on 21 July 2023.

Dated this 16th day of May 2023

The Hon. Mr Glenn Butcher MP

Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water

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Executive Director – South Region (as the Chief Executive’s delegate)