

# Availability of the draft Water Plan (Barron), draft water management protocol, and draft water entitlement notice

## 1. Draft Water Plan (Barron)

Notice is given under section 46 of the *Water Act 2000* (the Act) that the Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water has published a draft Water Plan (Barron) (**draft Water Plan**).

The draft Water Plan can be inspected by viewing and/or downloading the documents from the Business Queensland website at [www.business.qld.gov.au](http://www.business.qld.gov.au) or at any Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water (DRDMW) office.

Under section 46 of the Act, any entity may make a submission about the draft Water Plan. Submissions must be made to the chief executive, in an approved way (see section 4 of this notice), on or before 5.00 pm on **19 August 2022**.

## 2. Draft Barron Water Management Protocol

The chief executive has prepared a draft Barron water management protocol (**draft water management protocol**) for the purpose of implementing the draft Water Plan.

Under section 68(2)(c) of the Act, a water management protocol for a water plan must be developed with adequate consultation with persons affected by the protocol as it implements the plan.

The chief executive therefore invites submissions from any person who would be affected by the draft water management protocol, as it would implement the draft Water Plan if the chief executive were to make a final Barron water management protocol in the same form as the draft water management protocol.

The draft water management protocol can be inspected by viewing and/or downloading these documents from the Business Queensland website at [www.business.qld.gov.au](http://www.business.qld.gov.au) or in person at any DRDMW office.

Submissions may be made to the chief executive, in an approved way (see section 4 of this notice), on or before 5.00 pm on **19 August 2022**.

## 3. Draft Water Entitlement Notice

Notice is given under section 72 of the Act that the chief executive has published a draft water entitlement notice (**draft water entitlement notice**) for the purpose of implementing the draft Water Plan.

The draft water entitlement notice can be inspected by viewing and/or downloading the documents from the Business Queensland website at [www.business.qld.gov.au](http://www.business.qld.gov.au) or at any DRDMW office.

Under section 72 of the Act, any **affected person** may make submissions about the draft water entitlement notice. A person is an **affected person** for the draft water entitlement notice if the person is any of the following:

- (a) the holder or proposed holder of a water entitlement;
- (b) the holder of a resource operations licence;
- (c) the holder of a distribution operations licence;
- (d) the applicant for a water licence.

Submissions must be made to the chief executive, in an approved way (see section 4 of this notice), on or before 5.00 pm on **19 August 2022**.

## 4. Enquiries and submission process

Submissions can be made and lodged as follows:

- online at [www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au](http://www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au)
- by printing and completing a submission form available from the Business Queensland website at [www.business.qld.gov.au](http://www.business.qld.gov.au)
- emailing submissions to [waterplanning.barron@rdmw.qld.gov.au](mailto:waterplanning.barron@rdmw.qld.gov.au)
- sending your submission by post or courier to:

Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water  
Chief Executive  
Water Services Northern Region  
Attention: Coordinator, Water Plan Implementation  
PO Box 156  
Mareeba Qld 4880

For further information please contact us by email at [waterplanning.barron@rdmw.qld.gov.au](mailto:waterplanning.barron@rdmw.qld.gov.au) or telephone 1800 697 805

## 5. Confidentiality

Submissions should identify any information that is considered confidential. The Queensland Government will endeavour to maintain confidentiality of information that is identified in this way. However, submissions are subject to the *Right to Information Act 2019* and *Information Privacy Act 2009*, and information may be required to be released upon requests made under these Acts. Furthermore, other legal obligations, such as the processes of the courts or natural justice, may also override confidentiality.

**Dated this 6th day of July 2022**

**Hon. Glenn Butcher**  
**Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water**

**Susan Harch**  
**Acting Executive Director Water Policy (as the Chief Executive's delegate)**  
**Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water**