



2025 Qld Water Annual Forum

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Acknowledgement of Country

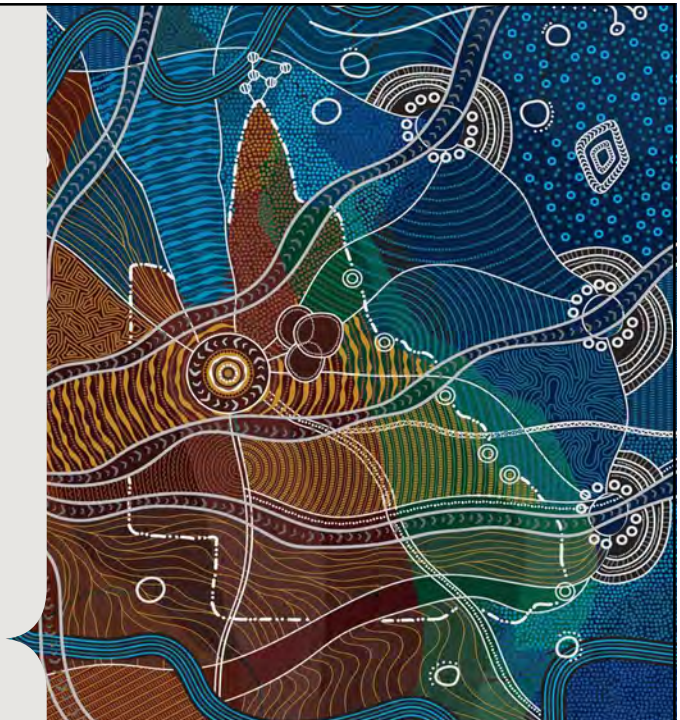
The Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country.

We recognise the ongoing spiritual and cultural connection Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples have with land, water, sea and sky.

We pay our deep respects to their Elders past and present, support future leaders, and acknowledge First Nations Peoples' right to self-determination.

'Connections Across Country' artwork by David Williams of Gilimbaa.

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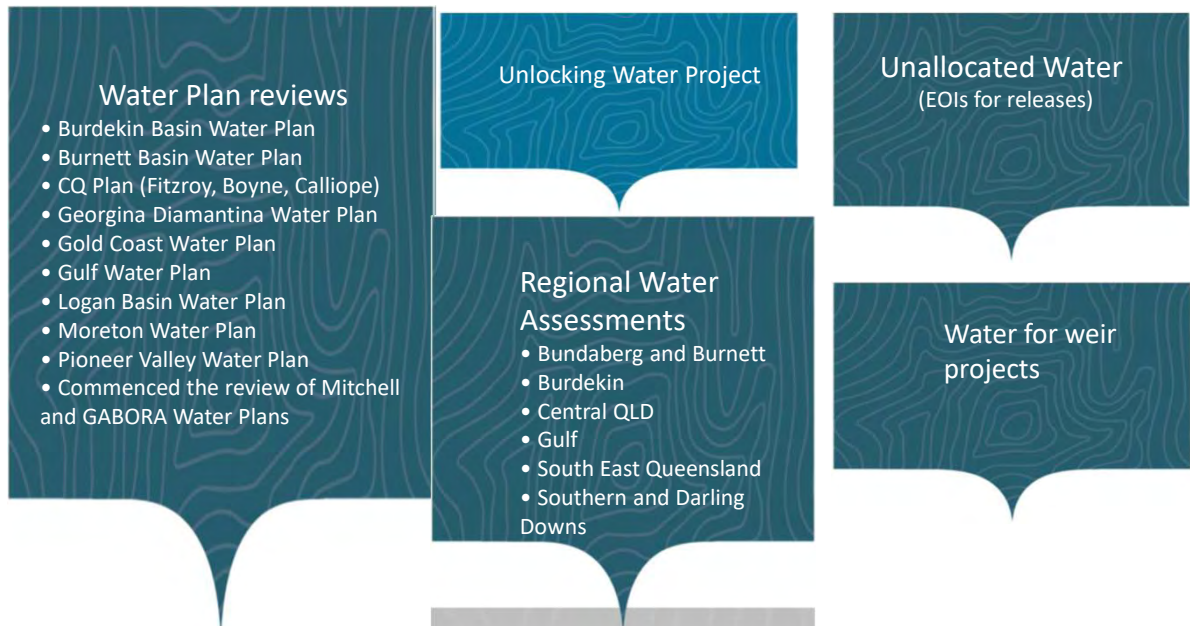
Some of our government's commitments



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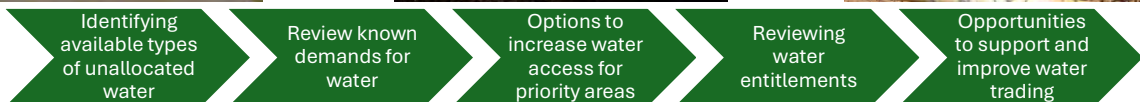
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What we are doing in the Water area



Unlocking Water Project

- An administrative review of the State's 23 Water Plans to support the Government's Water Security Plan.



Unlocking Water Project – pilot plan areas

Gulf Water Plan

Barron Water Plan

Mitchell Water Plan

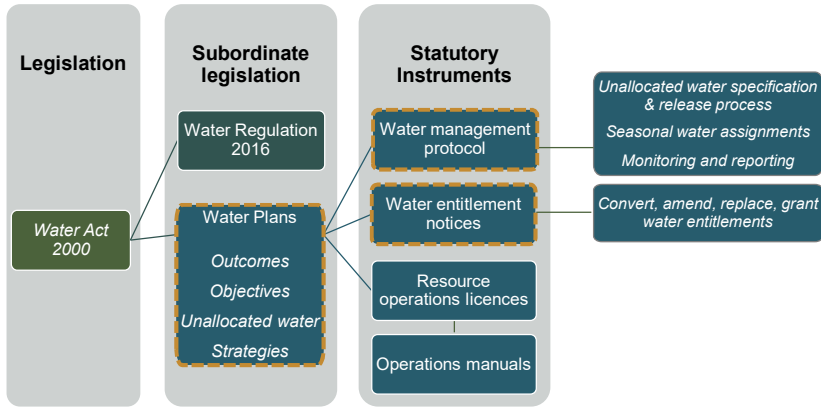
Wet Tropics Water Plan

Un supplemented ground and surface water:
Water harvesting Products
Annual Volumetric Limit (AVL) – how much water can be taken in a year
Daily Volumetric Limit (DVL) – how much water can be taken in a day
Flow Trigger - how much flow there has to be before water can be taken.



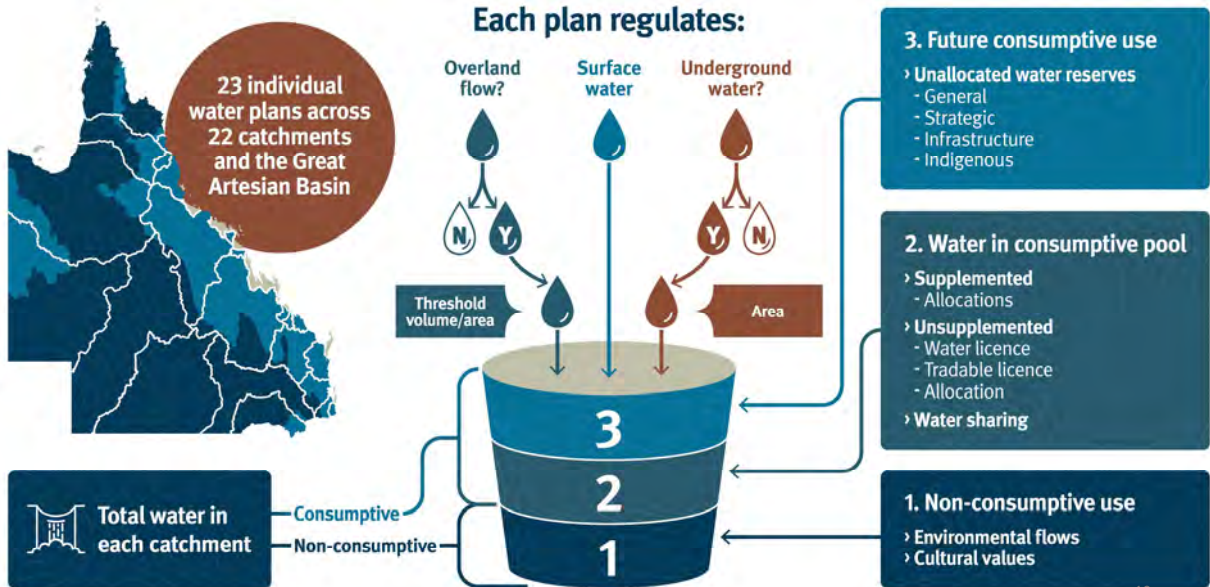
Water Plan Reviews

Water Planning Framework



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Unallocated Water



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Queensland Audit Office – Recommendations

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Audit Recommendations – tabled in Parliament – 18 Dec 24

1. assess their record keeping of essential activities for managing drinking water quality to ensure they are
2. ensure appropriate oversight of compliance with management plans, risks to drinking water quality, improvement actions, and recommendations from independent audits
3. assess and address identified capability and expertise gaps
4. test their emergency response plans periodically for high-risk events, and train staff in how to respond
5. improves coordination with its water regulation and local government functions, and across agencies by developing mechanisms to coordinate and share information, and promote workforce and infrastructure planning with providers
6. develops a pathway for adopting health-based targets
7. improves its risk-based approach to assessing and managing providers
8. enhances its workforce planning to ensure it has sufficient resources to deliver its compliance activities, meet the demand for responding to incidents, and review the providers' audit reports and annual reports in a timely manner
9. evaluates its response to non-compliance and assesses the effectiveness of outcomes from its actions
10. enhances the data it collects on drinking water quality and implements a process to monitor and report on water quality
11. improves how it measures its performance and reports externally

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