

Business Hunter policy in-brief:

Lower Hunter Water Security Plan



- Released on Public Exhibition 10 August 2021
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The Lower Hunter Water Security Plan seeks to address:

- Challenges to water security and increasing resilience to droughts – the Plan provides a 40-year look ahead.
- Programs and incentives to manage usage:
 - Extension of Water Management Efficiency Plans (WEMP) for industry and business (Smart Water Choices)
 - Extension of Kooragang Island wastewater recycling initiative.
- New, extended initiatives to increase water supply to meet usage demands when reservoir supplies are depleted:
 - The Belmont Desalination Treatment Plant (in planning) – 30mgL per day production.
 - The Walsh Point Desalination Treatment Plant (at concept – Business Case required)
 - The Glennies Creek – Lostock Dam storage pipeline strategy (in concept – Business Case required)
 - Purified Recycled Water Scheme.



Proposed Glennies-Lostock pipeline

What *Business Hunter* is keen to know:

- Timeframes for extension of WEMP development and implementation, as well as plans for extension of water recycling for industry;
- Tangible incentives for usage reduction by business and industry;
- If and when evaporation mitigation strategies will be planned and implemented to address Grahamstown Dam and other supply losses.
- Our members concerns and questions around the Plan.
- Barriers to implementation of the desalination strategies (min. 3 years to implement Belmont, >7 years for Walsh Point)

Contact [Amanda Watson](#), Policy and Public Affairs Manager Business Hunter, if you wish to discuss this Plan or have any questions by Monday 6 September 2021.



Belmont Desal currently in planning would deliver 30mgL or 15% per day of consumer demand if supply were threatened by drought (reserves capacity below 50%)

Walsh Point Desal currently at concept would supply significantly greater emergency demand. Further readiness works can commence, however construction would likely be triggered if reserves dropped below 50%

