

2. According to your organisation, on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 low - 10 high) rate the priority given by your organisation to the following water quality management issues in your region. Place an "X" in the appropriate box.

Issues	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nutrient Levels (nitrogen, phosphorus);										
Water Salinity										
pH										
Chemical Contamination (pesticides, herbicides)										
Turbidity										
Pathogens										
Other – please specify.										

2a. Provide comments on the above issues in your region that you have rated 6 or higher as rationale behind your chosen ranking.

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3. According to your organisation, on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 – not very severe, 10 – extremely severe) please rate the severity of any water quality problems in your NRM region for the following indicators. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. Please note that this question is to ascertain how bad the water quality problems are in the places where they occur in your region.

Issues	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nutrient Levels (nitrogen, phosphorus);										
Water Salinity										
pH										
Chemical Contamination (pesticides, herbicides)										
Turbidity										
Pathogens										
Other – please specify.										

3a. Provide comments on the above issues in your region that you have rated 6 or higher as rationale behind your chosen ranking.

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4. On a scale of 1-10 (1 - not evident, 10 – effecting the whole region) please rate the extent of any water quality problems in your NRM region for the following indicators. Place an “X” in the appropriate box:

Issues	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nutrient Levels (nitrogen, phosphorus);										
Water Salinity										
pH										
Chemical Contamination (pesticides, herbicides)										
Turbidity										
Pathogens										
Other – Please specify										

4a. Provide comments on the above issues in your region that you have rated 6 or higher as rationale behind your chosen ranking.

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5. According to your organisation, on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 low - 10 high) rate the importance of the following uses of water in your region. Place an “X” in the appropriate box:

Water Uses	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Potable										
Recreation – primary contact										
Recreation – secondary contact										
Irrigation										
Stock Water										
Ecosystem Protection										
Fisheries										
Industrial										
Aesthetics										
Other – please specify										

5a. Provide comments on the above issues in your region that you have rated 6 or higher as rationale behind your chosen ranking.

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6. According to your organisation, on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 low - 10 high) rate the following causes of water quality problems in your region. Place an "X" in the appropriate box:

Water Quality Problems	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bed and Bank Erosion in Waterways										
Industrial Discharges										
Agricultural Runoff										
Stormwater Inputs										
Wastewater Discharges										
Water Quantity (eg reduced flows)										
Other – please specify										

6a. Provide comments on the above issues in your region that you have rated 6 or higher as rationale behind your chosen ranking.

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7. In terms of assisting the management of the issues identified in the previous question. What are the reasons for including your region as a priority for holding a Better Water Workshop?

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FEATURES OF NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

8. How many wetlands of National Significance (Nationally Listed) are in your NRM region?

(Please circle or highlight) None 1 2 3 4 5 More than 5

If, appropriate list the 5 most important.

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9. How many wetlands of international significance (RAMSAR, JAMBA, CAMBA)?

(Please circle or highlight) None 1 2 3 4 5 More than 5

If, appropriate list the 5 most important.

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10. What other nationally significant natural assets in your NRM region, are or could be affected by poor water quality?

(Please circle or highlight) None 1 2 3 4 5 More than 5

If, appropriate list the 5 most important.

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11. Are there additional assets (natural, heritage, cultural) that are of regional significance that are affected by water quality? It is noted and accepted that indigenous cultural assets exist throughout the landscape and are difficult to quantify. Please provide the best estimate you can.

(Please circle or highlight) None 1-5 6-10 11-15 More than 15

If appropriate, list the 5 most important.

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WATER QUALITY STAKEHOLDERS, CAPACITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS

12. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 very low priority – 10 very high priority) rate the priority given by each of the following key stakeholders to water quality management in your region or catchment? Place an “X” in the appropriate box.

Key Stakeholders	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Local Government										
The CMA										
Relevant State Government Agencies										
Local Landholders										
The Local Urban Community										
Other Important Stakeholders [please nominate]										

12a. Provide comments on the above issues in your region that you have rated 6 or higher as rationale behind your chosen ranking.

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13. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 very low - 10 very high) indicate the capacity of key stakeholders in the region to plan, implement and review effective water quality strategies. Place a number in each box

Key Stakeholders	Plan	Implement	Review
Local Government			
The CMA			
Relevant State Government Agencies			
Local Landholders			
The Local Urban Communities			
Regional Water Authorities			
Other Important Stakeholders [please nominate]			

13a. Provide comments on the above capacities in your region that you have rated 6 or higher as rationale behind your chosen ranking.

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14. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 very low - 10 very high) how would you rate the overall interactions between these key stakeholders on water quality matters? Place a number in each box

Key Stakeholders	Communication	Co-ordination	Co-operation
Local Government			
The CMA			
Relevant State Government Agencies			
Local Landholders			
The Local Urban Communities			
Regional Water Authorities			
Other Important Stakeholders [please nominate]			

14a. Provide comments on the above interactions in your region that you have rated 6 or higher as rationale behind your chosen ranking.

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WATER QUALITY PLANNING AND INVESTMENT IN YOUR REGION

15a. When was your Catchment Action Plan accredited?

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15b. When is your Catchment Action Plan due to be revised?

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16. What is the estimated investment (in a 12 month reporting period, e.g. financial year) from community (non-government) and government sources in your NRM Region in the following aspects of water quality?

Government	Last Reporting Period(000'\$)	This Reporting Period(000'\$)	Community(Non-Government)	Last Reporting Period(000'\$)	This Reporting Period(000'\$)
Nutrient Levels (nitrogen, phosphorus);			Nutrient Levels (nitrogen, phosphorus);		
Water Salinity			Water Salinity		
Chemical contamination (pesticides, herbicides)			Chemical contamination (pesticides, herbicides)		
Turbidity			Turbidity		
Pathogens			Pathogens		
Other – please specify.			Other – please specify.		

Last reporting period refers to: _/_/_ to _/_/_ This reporting period refers to : _/_/_ to _/_/_

17. To what extent is water quality an integral consideration within your regional NRM plan and NRM investment strategy?

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18a. How many specific water quality programs or projects are there in your principal plan or strategy?

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18b. How many other projects within your principal plan integrate water quality as a key consideration?

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KNOWLEDGE SHARING

19. Have you undertaken any particular projects or programs that would provide valuable lessons to other NRM regions? If so, what aspects of water quality did they seek to address and what did you learn?

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20a. Would you or someone in Region be prepared to write a brief Case Study, and present this at a Better Water workshop if one is held in your region?

0 YES

0 NO

20b. Would you or someone in Region be prepared to write a brief Case Study, and present this at a Better Water workshop if one is held in another region?

0 YES

0 NO

WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

21a. With regard to barriers to effective water quality management, which statements below apply in your region/ catchment. Place an "X" in the appropriate box:

STATEMENTS	YES	NO
Poor water quality is simply not a problem in our part of the world.		
Generally low level of concern about water quality in the community		
We just can't get the community involved		
No one drinks this water anyway		
This community is just apathetic		
There is insufficient direction and/or leadership from State or Commonwealth Government		
It is too difficult to make a difference to water quality		
There are no resources [insufficient funds] allocated to water quality		
We don't cause the problem, it all comes from upstream		
The guidelines are too dense/not relevant to this catchment		
The specific guidelines for our situation are not available		
The community has been excited before about water quality but there has been no real result		
We don't have the technical knowledge or experience to tackle water quality in a comprehensive way.		
The problem is huge and difficult to make an immediate difference		

21b. Please provide further comments on barriers to effective water quality in your Region?

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22a. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 low - 10 high) indicate your organisations current level of knowledge of the NWQMS implementation guidelines. Place an "X" in the appropriate box:

My organisation's overall level of knowledge is rated at:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

22b. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 very low - 10 very high) indicate your organisations current level of use of the NWQMS implementation guidelines. Place an "X" in the appropriate box:

My organisation's overall level of use is rated at:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

22c) If appropriate, which guideline documents have you used to assist water quality management in your region?

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23. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 very low - 10 very high) indicate your organisations current level of knowledge in each of the following specific areas. Place an "X" in the appropriate box:

Area of knowledge	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Assessing Environmental Values										
Community Engagement										
Setting Water Quality Objectives										
Developing Water Quality Management Plans										
Technical Assessment of Projects										
Design of Water Quality Monitoring Programs										
Integrating Water Quality within current catchment and investment plans										
Other – please specify										

BETTER WATER WORKSHOPS

24a. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 low - 10 high) indicate your organisations current water quality management training needs in the following specific areas:

Training Needs	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Community Engagement										
Determining Environmental Values										
Technical										
Water Quality Planning										
Monitoring and Evaluation										
Other (Please specify)										

24b. Provide comments on the above issues in your region that you have rated 6 or higher as rationale behind your chosen ranking.

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25. Which Better Water workshop activities do you believe would be most valuable in establishing a lasting and active legacy in implementing the NWQS (Place an X in the relevant box(s))?

- 0 Specialised Information and Training Modules (eg community engagement)
- 0 Involvement in processes relating to environmental values and water quality objectives
- 0 Using the NWQMS Implementation Guidelines
- 0 Better linking water quality to existing regional plans
- 0 Focusing on implementation at either the regional or local level
- Other.....

26a. In which of the following periods would it be suitable to hold a Better Water Workshop in your region (Place an X in the relevant box(s)):

- 9th – 24th June 08 0
- 8th – 31st July 08 0
- 4th – 29th August 08 0
- 1st -19th September 08 0

26b. Would you recommend the workshop being held over how many days? (Place an “X” in the relevant box)

- 0 1 day
- 0 2 days

27. How many stakeholders would your organisation be able to list who would be interested, and would benefit from, attending a Better Water Workshop in your Region?

Please circle or highlight 5-10 10-20 20-30 > 30

FURTHER NETWORKING

Which key personnel/organisation, in your Region would you invite to a Better Water Workshop, if one was to be held in your Region?

Name Individual /Organisation	Postal Address	Phone	Email

Please complete questionnaire by Friday 7th March 2008.

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