

What Strategies were commissioned, and by which level of government?

- Community Planning For Climate & Water Availability Change, December 2011, Commonwealth Dept of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
- Economic Development Strategy Hay Shire – Western Cluster, December 2011, Strengthening Basin Communities Project, Commonwealth
- Investment Attraction Plan for the Shires of Hay, Balranald and Wentworth, December 2011, Strengthening Basin Communities Project, Commonwealth
- Strengthening Basin Communities Project, December 2010, Commonwealth. Includes:
 - Socio Economic Study
 - Rural Land Use Study
 - Climate and Water Use Study
 - Stage 1 Synthesis Report
 - Regional Water Use Study

How often does the Lachlan connect with the Murrumbidgee?

It is estimated once every 10-20 years, although Council is not sure.

Nimmie Caira project- was the 173 gigalitres an allocation or an entitlement?

Entitlement

Commonwealth Water Holders ability to prioritise environmental flows over irrigators is a major cause of concern?

From discussions with farmers it is clear that environmental water are prioritised, frequently when environmental flows are announced, there are no or not sufficient water for farmers.

What percentage of agricultural water do you consider has been lost in your area?

Council is not sure.

Nimmie Caira project – Who was the minister at the time the purchase was made, and what promises was made?

Katrina Hodgkinson, and promises made that the land will always be rateable.

Studies done as a result of the MDBP – Did we receive any undertakings for funding? By whom?

No undertakings received.

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