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**Senator Xenophon asked:**

Has the National Water Commission provided any recommendations to COAG or the State and Territory Governments on water allocations and usage in mining projects?

**Answer:**

The National Water Commission has made recommendations on mining and water in a number of assessments and reports.

The Commission considers that water for extractive industries needs to be planned and managed by jurisdictions within National Water Initiative consistent regional water frameworks to mitigate impacts on other water users and the environment.

The Commission has urged states and territories to review their mining and petroleum regulatory arrangements to ensure that water resource impacts are addressed explicitly and that those extractive activities are fully integrated into National Water Initiative consistent planning and management regimes.