

**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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