

Media Release

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Community invited to have their say on water security for the Far North Coast

Far North Coast communities are invited to attend upcoming information sessions to help shape long-term solutions for regional water security.

The Far North Coast Regional Water Supply Project involves delivering a preliminary business case to assess options for improving water reliability and resilience across the region.

The preliminary business case will explore a range of potential options, including:

- connecting the Tweed Shire and Rous County Council bulk water systems
- building regional desalination plants - large-scale or modular
- integrating independent town water supplies into the bulk network
- using Toonumbar Dam to support town supplies, especially Casino
- linking to the Southeast Queensland Water Grid

The project aims to deliver stronger regional water security, greater drought resilience, and support for economic growth in towns across the Far North Coast, including those in Tweed, Richmond, Brunswick and beyond.

The NSW and Australian Governments have committed \$5 million to develop the preliminary business case, with half the funding coming from the National Water Grid Fund.

Community members from across the Far North Coast are invited to attend a local drop-in session on the Far North Coast Regional Water Supply Project on the below dates:

- Monday 24 November 5pm – 7pm at Tweed Heads South Community Centre, 18 Heffron Street, Tweed Heads
- Tuesday 25 November 10am – 12pm at Murwillumbah Community Centre, 113 Wollumbin Street, Murwillumbah
- Tuesday 25 November 4pm – 6pm at Byron Community Centre, 69 Jonson Street, Byron Bay

- Wednesday 26 November 10am – 12pm at Mullumbimby CWA Hall, Cnr Gordon and Tincogan Street, Mullumbimby
- Wednesday 26 November 4pm – 6pm at Ballina Surf Club, 65 Lighthouse Parade, Ballina
- Thursday 27 November 10:30am – 12:30pm at Lismore Library, 110 Magellan Street, Lismore
- Thursday 27 November 3:30pm – 5:30pm at Casino Community and Cultural Centre, 35 Walker Street, Casino

For more information, visit: <https://www.water.dcceew.nsw.gov.au/our-work/water-infrastructure/regional-projects/far-north-coast-regional-water-supply-project>

Executive Director of Water Infrastructure, Lisa Hingerty said:

“We’re at the beginning of this process and no decisions have been made. These sessions will help us hear directly from communities about their needs, concerns and ideas.

“Climate change, population growth and pressures on water systems are making reliable water supply more challenging in the Far North Coast. This project is about building resilience.

“We want to make sure that any path forward is informed by local knowledge, respects the environment and supports long-term growth across the region.”

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