

To the Queensland Water Commission

Written response:

The revised draft of South East Queensland Water Strategy

I am writing to you as a member of *Communities Against Desalination Inc*, to register my strong opposition to desalination as a water supply option for Queensland.

Communities Against Desalination Inc was formed to provide a forum for communities across Queensland to actively engage with decision makers at all levels of government to stop desalination plants from being rolled out to secure our water supply.

The primary intentions of *Communities Against Desalination* are to:

- maximise the awareness and intensity of debate about water supply issues in Queensland;
- rigourously oppose all desalination plant proposals for Queensland due to concerns regarding economic and environmental sustainability.

Subsequently, *Communities Against Desalination* envisages important opportunities for the state government to:

- respond positively to the wave of public sentiment against high impact, large-scale engineering projects in favour of low impact, locally-sensitive solutions;
- reinforce sustainability as a key priority for Queensland's future planning;
- explore and utilise the potential of new technologies as possible water supply options;
- engage meaningfully with Queenslanders at the community level by initiating genuine processes of public consultation; and
- restore public favour and good faith through provision of excellence in standards of transparency and accountability.

In closing I wish to reiterate that I am strongly opposed to the Queensland State Government imposing water desalination to secure our future water supply as proposed in the draft South East Queensland Water Strategy.

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