

Draft Lower Hunter Water Security Plan

Public Exhibition Feedback Summary

The Lower Hunter Water Security Plan (LHWSP) is a whole-of-government approach to ensuring the region has a resilient and sustainable water future that contributes to regional health and prosperity and is supported by the community. Our draft plan was on public exhibition from 9 August to 26 September 2021 for community feedback. Here are some highlights from the public exhibition period.



112 guided submission surveys were completed



75 written submissions from individuals
23 written submissions from organisations



1,600 visits to the LHWSP Your Voice webpage



157 downloads of the full draft plan



235,000 households received the special LHWSP edition of the Fountain newsletter



48 community members attended our virtual webinar



10 presentations to stakeholder / community groups



25 items of media coverage

Social media across our channels received:



15,350 Engagements



152,716 Impressions

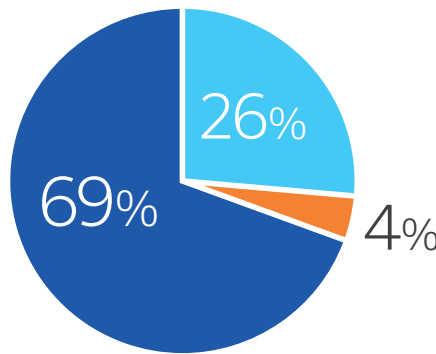
What we heard

We are currently analysing the feedback we received during the public exhibition period. Preliminary results from the guided submission survey indicate that the community is supportive of the draft LHWSP and its principles, priorities and actions.

"The process commenced early and has been methodical, evidence-based and transparent, representing a positive example of how long-term strategic planning, shaped by community engagement, should be undertaken."

- Quote from Public Interest Advisory Centre (PIAC) submission

Overall Support of LHWSP

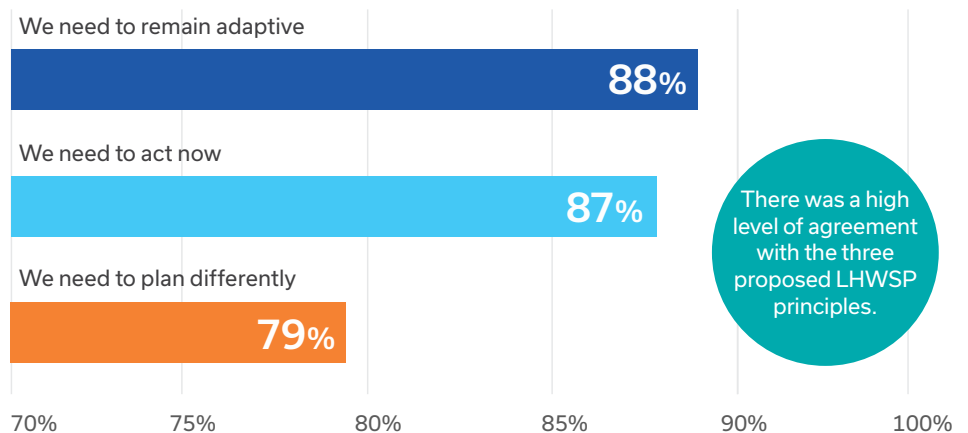


Respondents to the LHWSP guided submission survey were asked to rate their overall support of the draft LHWSP. Approximately seven in ten respondents supported the draft plan overall. There was also broad support for the draft plan overall from those who made more detailed written submissions.

■ Oppose
■ Neither support nor oppose
■ Support

* Results from LHWSP guided submission survey

Agreement with draft LHWSP principles



There was a high level of agreement with the three proposed LHWSP principles.

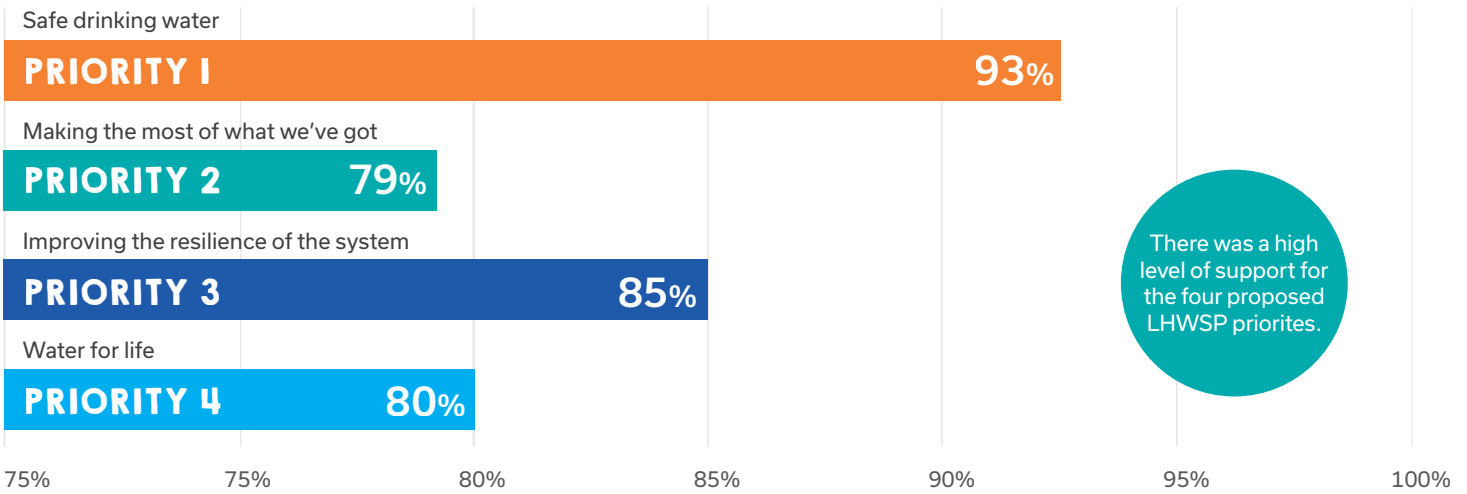
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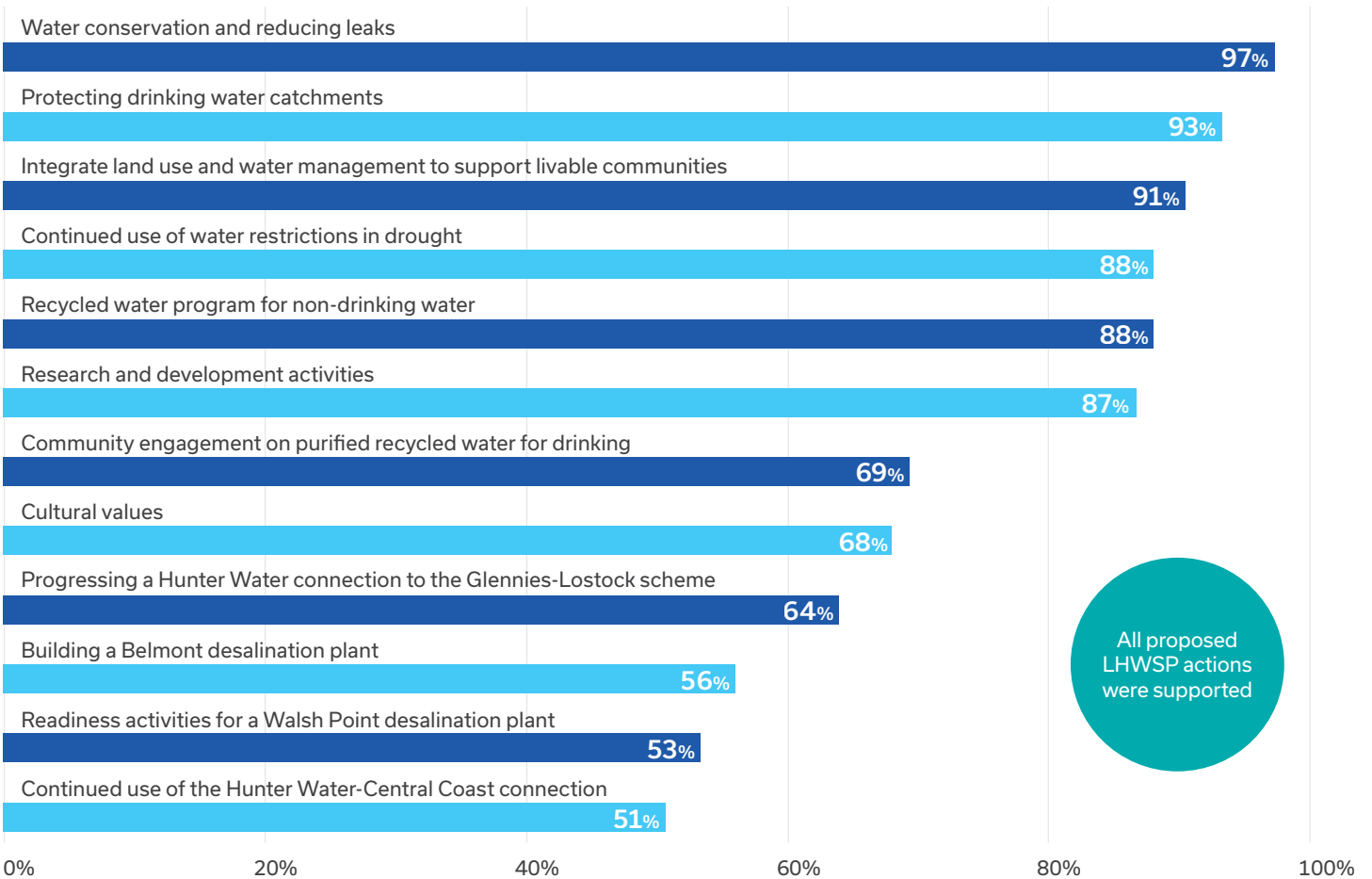
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Support for LHWSP priorities



* Results from LHWSP guided submission survey

Support for draft LHWSP actions



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This is a high level summary of submissions. We will continue to review and consider all submissions and matters raised prior to submitting the plan to the NSW Government for consideration. We will report on feedback we received during the public exhibition of the draft plan.

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