

Water Resource (Mary Basin) Plan (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2016

Explanatory notes for SL 2016 No 110.

made under the

Water Act 2000

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 52A of the *Water Act 2000* (the Act)

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The primary objective of this subordinate legislation is to postpone the expiry of the *Water Resource (Mary Basin) Plan 2006*.

The *Water Resource (Mary Basin) Plan 2006* continues to be appropriate for the plan area and adaptive management under the Mary Basin resource operations plan will ensure that Water Resource Plan (WRP) outcomes are being achieved. Postponing the expiry of the Mary WRP will provide the additional time that is required to consider the science collected since the previous Minister's report in 2012/13 and conduct a more comprehensive evaluation of the effectiveness of the Mary WRP's outcomes, strategies and objectives. There are no expected adverse impacts of the postponement of plan expiry on water users or the environment.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objectives are achieved through the notice, which is declared to be subordinate legislation under section 52B(9) of the Act.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The notice is consistent with the objectives of the Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The notice is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

There are no costs associated with implementation of this notice.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The notice is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

A notice outlining the proposed new expiry date for the plan and the reasons for the proposed postponement was published on the Department of Natural Resources and Mines website and advertised in the Fraser Coast Chronicle, the Gympie Times and the Sunshine Coast Daily. Public submissions received were considered in making a final decision to postpone the expiry of the *Water Resource (Mary Basin) Plan 2006*.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation was consulted in relation to this type of notice and confirmed that a Regulatory Impact Statement is not required.