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20 YEAR REGIONAL WATER STRATEGY

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin has welcomed the release of a ground-breaking study into potential water infrastructure options, commissioned by the NSW Government.

State-owned corporation, WaterNSW developed a 20-year infrastructure options study across the state's major rural river valleys. The options study lays the foundation for securing the future water needs of regional NSW, and is the first of its kind in more than 40 years.

"The options study is a long term look at where we may need infrastructure in the future and gives confidence to local communities that the NSW Government is planning for generational water security," Mr Aplin said.

The study outlines options for improving water management by further developing the state's multi-billion dollar regional infrastructure portfolio, covering major dams, hundreds of weirs, pipelines and Australia's largest surface and groundwater monitoring network across 30 regulated rivers.

"The NSW Government is serious about ensuring future investment in regional water security delivers maximum benefit to users and value for taxpayers' money.

"This strategy makes an informed, long-term assessment of emerging trends and changing dynamics that influence government investment in water infrastructure. Mr Aplin said.

The study looks ahead to address emerging issues, such as population growth, demand fluctuations in agriculture and mining, and climate change.

It is vitally important that Government makes the well-informed decisions about the future of water in our region and this study is a vital tool in achieving that objective."

The options study will continue to evolve over the next two years with appropriate consultation to inform future infrastructure planning.

The options study and further information is available at:

www.watarnsw.com.au/projects/20-year-infrastructure-options-study

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