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Principles_Support: Support

Principles_Comments: Suggested additions and changes:
Principle number one - I would like to see a qualifier indicating sustainable limits that protect ecosystem health, function and biodiversity.
Principle number three - in addition to science, social and cultural values should inform water resource management and decision making and in the absence of science such as in relation to the impacts of climate change - the precautionary principle should come into effect.
Principle number four - integrated across all levels of government, non-governmental institutions and the public.
Principle number seven - incentives are created for water conservation that consider the needs of the natural environment, of users and investors.
Additional principles:
9. Access to water for domestic purposes is a right.

Goal1_Support: Support

EnviroFlow: Standards

WaterAllocationPlan: Required

DecisionMaker: Must Follow

WaterAllocationPlan_Conditions: Water allocation plans should be developed by engaging all stakeholders in a watershed and with provision of resources so that all levels of stakeholders can participate evenly.

DumpingProhibition: Amend

Goal2_Options: Shared

Goal3_Support: Support

Goal3_Comments: 3. The water allocation system integrates the management of groundwater and surface water resources in all areas.
4. Equal importance should be placed on demand management strategies and education as on supply at all times. Water users must conserve water during drought or when stream health is threathened

WaterUseEfficiency_1: Codes for efficient infrastructure and practices

WaterUseEfficiency_2: Use of incentives and economic instruments

AdminEfficiencyOptions_PermittedUse: Permitted use different

AdminEfficiencyOptions_SelfReg: Required self-registration

PermittedUseConsiderations: - frequency of withdrawal
- amount of withdrawal
- method of withdrawal
- use (economic gain)
- monitoring is necessary
- mechanism for public reporting and management
- transparency in licences (not arduous FOI)

AdminEfficiencyOptions_WaterUse: Combine admin and efficiency

Flexibility_Support: Support

Flexibility_Comments: - monitoring information also needs to include non scientific evidence (streams are not monitored nor are they likely to be, therefore mechanisms need to exist that appeals and inquiries can be made based on public reports)
- changes should be subject to review of committee deciding the allocation plan (including public stakeholders)

WaterAllocationSystem_Options: Priority use

WaterScarcityTemporary_Options: Hierarchy of uses

WaterScarcityPermanent_Options: Through a mandatory Water Management Planning process

Goal4_Support: Disagree

Goal4_Comments: should be regulated everywhere for large withdrawals - anywhere beyond domestic use should be monitored and regulated.

Thresholds_Options: 500+100

PriorityAreas_Options: Combine priority areas

FedAndProvLegIntegration: Provision for public consultation as well as the numerous non-profit environmental groups working in watershed management have not been explicit nor have the mechanisms for how they will be integrated been expressed.

AtRiskWatershedCriteria: - at risk populations
- high populations
- conflicting demands
- ongoing water scarcity
- environmental degradations
- increased urban development (before its too late)

KindsOfCollaborativeProcesses: More transparency in terms of water licences, more direct routes for public consultation and complaints, clearer role for the environmental stewardship groups and more involvement