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Phase 2 of the Water Act has been ready to go for several months. We have heard that it has been put on the shelf.

Phase 2 contains the teeth that field personnel need to make progress on water problems (ability to cap artesian wells, enforcement etc.).

The government should be bringing Phase 2 forward for discussion with a timeline to implement before the end of the year. Initiating another unfocussed discussion (and putting out the glossy but vacuous Living Water Smart materials) looks like a stalling process.

This delay is also an insult to the skilled group of groundwater specialists who have spent several years working out Phase 1 and 2 of the Act.

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