

Macquarie River to Orange Pipeline Project

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Other Options

What, if any, other options has Orange City Council considered in their endeavor to secure their future water supply needs? Why is the pipeline considered to be the best option? What is the impact of such a project on the contribution of Macquarie River to the Murray-Darling system?

There has been little released on the answers to the above questions.

NSW Water Catchment Management Strategy

The issue that really needs to be considered regarding this proposed project is how it fits within the overall Water Management Plan for NSW. Does the NSW Government have a Catchment Management Plan to secure, not only Oranges' water supply but other regions and other major Centres?

There seems to be a consensus by those who have sought the go ahead for this project, that it will "fix the issue" for Orange. It may or may not! But is it the right solution for a problem that is in need of a broader geographical strategy.

Cost

What would the proposed expenditure of \$47 m buy or partially buy against other options? Surely there is a need to provide estimates of alternative Water Catchment Options.

