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### STRATEGY LAUNCHED TO SECURE NSW'S WATER FUTURE

The NSW Government has today launched the NSW Water Strategy, a first-of-its-kind plan to guide water management to 2040 and deliver resilient and sustainable water resources across the state.

Member for Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the Strategy has innovation at its heart, looking at new technologies, including recycled water and stormwater harvesting, to diversify supply and ensure we're ready for the water challenges of the future.

"Our state's population is growing, and in the next 20 years we'll have nearly three million more people living in NSW, many of those in our regions. And we must prepare for more extreme weather events such as droughts and floods.

"This Strategy looks at all aspects of water management, including rainfall-independent supply solutions, water conservation and efficiency, river health and connectivity and water for First Nations people," Mr Williams said.

In the next 12 months, the NSW Government will focus on water use efficiency, conservation and leakage reduction in our cities, towns and regional centres and deliver a new state-wide water efficiency framework.

"The NSW Water Strategy is a roadmap to securing safe and reliable water for every person in our state, and for our industries and environment, now and across the next two decades," Mr Williams said.

The Strategy is underpinned by cutting-edge climate data and sets the overarching vision for 12 regional and two metropolitan water strategies also being developed. Minister for Water, Property and Housing Melinda Pavey said the plans will guide future water planning and policy, and how, where and when water infrastructure investments are made.

"The recent drought brought about creative and innovative ideas about infrastructure investment, with many communities having to source different means of increasing supply for their communities," Mrs Pavey said.

"We know we need to have a mix of rainfall-independent supply solutions and smart new ways to be more water efficient. This Strategy looks at our challenges and successes at a state level and how we implement solutions to secure our future."



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The NSW Water Strategy has been finalised to include the views of stakeholders and the community following public exhibition of the draft earlier this year.

It is accompanied by an implementation plan which charts the immediate steps we will be taking towards delivering our long-term goals.

For more information and to read the NSW Water Strategy, visit <https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/nsw-water-strategy>

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