

Public Notice

Public Notice of Proposal to Amend the Pioneer Valley Resource Operations Plan 2007

Water Act 2000 sections 96 and 105

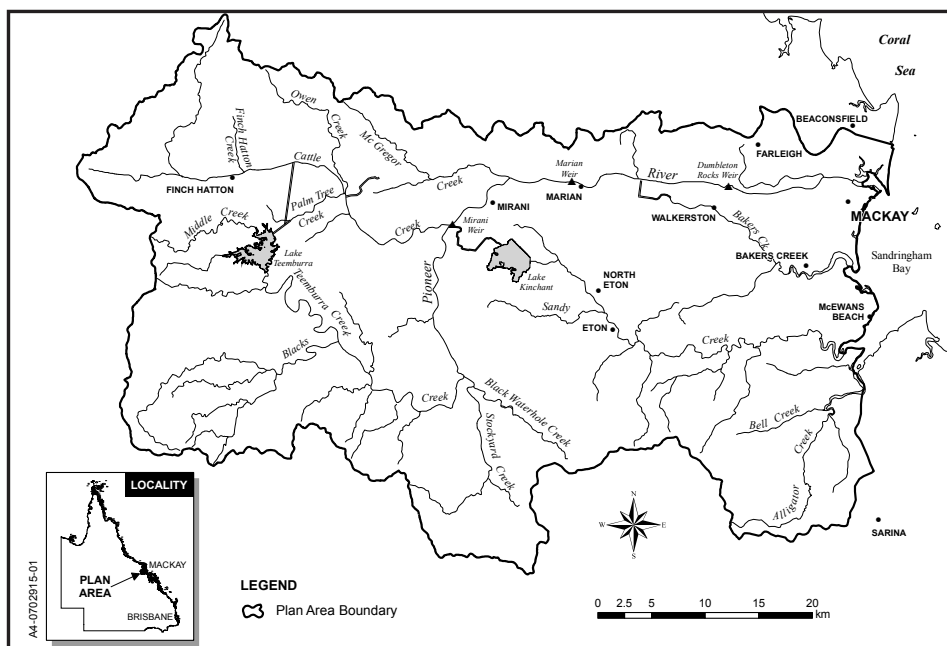
1. Purpose

Notice is given under section 96 of the *Water Act 2000*, that the Chief Executive for the Department of Environment and Resource Management ('the department') intends to amend the *Pioneer Valley Resource Operations Plan 2007* ('the amended plan') in accordance with section 105 of the *Water Act 2000* to enable implementation of the Water Resource (Pioneer Valley) Plan 2002 as amended on 9 October 2009 by:

- converting existing water licences and other authorisations for taking groundwater located in subareas 4 through 16 (shown in Schedule 2B of the Water Resource (Pioneer Valley) Plan 2002) that are not seawater intruded, to water allocations;
- converting authorisations for taking groundwater using works in parts of subareas 1, 2 or 3 that were previously not declared as a subartesian area to water licences by granting a water entitlement;
- amending water licences in subareas 11, 15, 16, or 17 that are seawater intruded to be consistent with the Water Resource (Pioneer Valley) Plan 2002;
- converting water licences and other authorisations within subcatchments 2, 3 and 4 for taking or interfering with surface water (including declared water) to water allocations; and
- amending water licences and other authorisations (except those mentioned in subsection d) for taking or interfering with surface water to specify more appropriate conditions for taking or interfering with surface water, and replace area based conditions with volumetric limits.

2. Proposed plan area

The proposed plan area for the amended plan is identified in the map shown in this notice which is indicative only. The proposed plan area and more detail on the location of the area boundaries are held in digital electronic form by the department, and may be inspected at the department's office at 23-30 Wood Street, Mackay.



3. Water in the proposed plan area to which the amended plan is intended to apply

The water to which the amended plan is intended to apply is the following water:

- water in a watercourse, lake or spring (surface water); and
- groundwater in the amended plan area.

4. Consultation

Community and technical consultation for the preparation of the amended plan will also take place through:

- formal written submissions under clause 5 in response to this notice;
- discussions and meetings between officers of the department and individuals and representatives of interested groups, organisations and agencies; and
- for technical consultation, the department will also liaise with water service providers and other organisations and agencies.

The department will conduct public information sessions to provide further details on the draft amendment plan. The information sessions will be held at the following locations:

Location	Date	Time	Venue
Mirani	22 November 2010	4 pm - 7 pm	Mirani Community Centre, 1 Caroline St
Walkerston	23 November 2010	4 pm - 7 pm	St Andrews Uniting Church Hall, Bold St

5. Submissions may be made about the proposal to prepare an amended plan

Anyone may make a submission about the proposal to prepare an amended plan.

Properly made submissions must be:

- in writing and signed by each person who made the submission;
- state the name and address of each person who made the submission;
- state the grounds of the submission and the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds;
- must be received on or before 5 pm Wednesday 21 January 2011; and
- received by the person stated in clause 6 of this Notice.

Email and internet submissions will be accepted.

Submissions should identify information that is considered confidential. The department will endeavour to maintain the confidentiality of information that is identified in this way, however submissions are subject to the *Right to Information Act 2009* and information may be required to be released upon requests made under this Act. Furthermore, other legal obligations, such as the processes of the courts or natural justice may also override confidentiality.

6. Submissions on the proposal to prepare an amended plan must be addressed to:

Postal address Chief Executive Attn: Robert Sorensen Water Planning North Region Department of Environment and Resource Management PO Box 63, Mackay, QLD 4740	Street address Chief Executive Attn: Robert Sorensen Water Planning North Region Department of Environment and Resource Management 22-30 Wood Street, Mackay, QLD 4880
Email: wrp.pioneer@derm.qld.gov.au	

7. Enquiries

Enquiries can be directed to, Robert Sorensen, Department of Environment and Resource Management on (07) 4967 0872. Alternatively, information can be viewed on, or downloaded from, the internet at <www.derm.qld.gov.au/wrp/pioneer>.

Dated this 5th day of November 2010

Chris Robson
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 Department of Environment and Resource Management