

Water Forum Presentation to WPAC

River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027

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Summary of AFU Advice

- AFU welcomes inclusion of many AFU recommendations that are included as text in the draft RBMP and POM and opportunity to provide advice on this final draft
- AFU notes some important AFU recommendations are not reflected in the draft Plan/POM and is making some final recommendations to WPAC and DHPLG to help further strengthen the Plan and POM
- AFU recommending that some key measures/statements included in the draft Plan also be included as specific actions in the POM to ensure they are implemented and tracked
- AFU making specific recommendations in relation to the evolving Sectoral Action Plans to provide greater clarity and transparency

AFU Advice – Governance and Implementation of Measures

- Clarity as to how the national Plan, sectoral plans and 46 catchment plans connect with each other (including roles and objectives, implementation of measures etc)
- Sectoral Plans – standard template, legally binding, article 4 exemptions, clear objective to eliminate the sector as a significant pressure on water quality, date for completion of first drafts, AFU will engage on their development
- Specific recommendations to further strengthen a targeted and outcomes-based approach
- Strengthened mission statement and review mechanisms
- More clarity about scientific basis for water quality targets
- Specific actions on public participation

AFU Advice – Sectors

- Some final specific and targeted recommendations to strengthen the Plan and POM for:
 - Agriculture
 - Forestry
 - Hydromorphology
 - Urban wastewater

- A few editorial recommendations