

IRRIGATION IN NSW: KEY ORGANISATIONS & GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Irrigation in NSW is a large and widespread industry with a significant number of entities involved. The players themselves do not escape the industry-wide love of acronyms. We trust that this list will be of use in understanding who the industry players are.

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ABS – Australian Bureau of Statistics



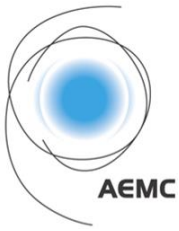
Australia's national statistical agency, providing trusted official statistics on a wide range of economic, social, population and environmental matters of importance to Australia.

ACCC – Australian Competition and Consumer Commission



Promotes competition and fair trade in markets to benefit consumers, businesses, and the community. Also regulates national infrastructure services and is responsible for ensuring that individuals and businesses comply with Australian competition, fair trading, and consumer protection laws.

AEMC – Australian Energy Market Commission



Makes rules which govern the electricity and natural gas markets, including the retail elements of those markets. Also supports the development of these markets by providing advice to the COAG Energy Council.

AEMO – Australian Energy Market Operator



Responsible for operating Australia's largest gas and electricity markets and power systems.

AER – Australian Energy Regulator



Regulates electricity networks and covered gas pipelines, enforces laws for the National Electricity Market, protects the interests of household and small business consumers. Their objectives recognise that energy is an essential service for Australian households and businesses and a critical contributor to the long-term success of the Australian economy.

AWA – Australian Water Association



The peak body representing water professionals in Australia. Independent and not-for-profit, AWA promotes sustainable water management practices through collaboration, advocacy and professional development.

Barwon-Darling Water



The peak body of water users (local irrigation groups, local councils and riparian users) along the length of the unregulated Barwon-Darling River. *Previously known as: Mungindi-Menindee Advisory Council (MMAC)*

BCC – Basin Community Committee



Established under the [Water Act 2007 \(Cwlth\)](#) to provide advice to the MDBA about the performance of the Authority's functions including community engagement relating to Basin water resource issues and the preparation of the Basin Plan.

BCC Members were selected on the basis of their expertise or interest in community, water use, environmental water management, Indigenous or local government matters. [Members of the Basin Community Committee](#)

BEGA – Bega Cheese Limited



The Bega Cheese factory began production in 1900 and has been a dominant brand in the Australian market for over 30 years. Today they process and distribute the highest quality dairy products, to both Australian and international markets.

BOM – Bureau of Meteorology



Australia's national weather, climate and water agency. Provides observational, meteorological, hydrological and oceanographic services.

BRFF – Border Rivers Food and Fibre



Representing water users from ten different associations in the Macintyre, Dumaresq and Macintyre Brook catchments in both NSW and QLD.

CEWH – Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder



Individual responsible for heading up the Commonwealth Environment Water Office.

CEWO – Commonwealth Environmental Water Office



Statutory Office responsible for managing the water entitlements that the Commonwealth Government acquires. This water is to be used to protect or restore environmental assets such as wetlands and streams, including those in the Murray-Darling Basin.

CICL – Coleambally Irrigation Co-operative Ltd.



Australia's fourth largest irrigation company wholly owned by its farmer members. CICL delivers irrigation water across an area of approximately 400,000ha of which only 79,000ha is intensively irrigated. The delivery system is gravity fed across 518kms of supply channels and 734kms of drainage. Utilising Australian technology to manage the precise regulation of flows throughout the system with automated water ordering and accounting.

CID – Coleambally Irrigation District



An irrigated agricultural site located in the Riverina, south of Griffith and between Darlington Point and Jerilderie. The district encompasses 491 irrigation farms (each approx. 200ha in size). The major crops produced are rice, wheat, corn, cotton, barley, soy beans and canola.

CIT – Central Irrigation Trust



Located in Barmera, CIT manages nine irrigation districts pumping from the River Murray through a fully automatic pipeline scheme supplying 1,400 growers, irrigating 13,000 hectares of horticultural crops in the Riverland Region of South Australia.

COAG – Council of Australian Governments



The peak intergovernmental forum in Australia. Made up of the Prime Minister, State and Territory Premiers and Chief Ministers and the President of the Australian Local Government Association. Chaired by the Prime Minister, COAG provides an overarching framework for issues that require a national approach by all Governments.

Cotton Australia



The peak body for Australia's cotton growing industry, supporting over 1500 cotton farming families in NSW and Queensland.

CRDC – Cotton Research and Development Corporation



Australian Government
Cotton Research and
Development Corporation

A partnership between the Australian cotton industry and the people through the Australian Government.

DAWR – Department of Agriculture and Water Resources



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture
and Water Resources

Develops and implements policies and programmes to ensure Australia's agricultural, fisheries, food and forestry industries remain competitive, profitable and sustainable. Also supports the sustainable and productive management and use of rivers and water resources.

DPIE – Department Planning, Industry & Environment



Planning,
Industry &
Environment

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment brings together specialists in urban and regional planning, natural resources, industry, environment, heritage, Aboriginal and social housing, and regional New South Wales. They have a dedicated Water Division.

EPA – Environment Protection Authority



An independent authority responsible for leading business and the community to improve their environmental performance and for managing waste to deliver a healthy environment. Regulates and responds to activities that can impact on the health of the NSW environment and its people.

G-MW – Goulburn-Murray Water



Manages water storage, delivery and drainage systems involving 70% of Victoria's stored water. Harvest, store and deliver water to ensure availability for all customers.

GVIA – Gwydir Valley Association



Represents the interests of irrigation entitlement holders in the Gwydir Valley, of North-West NSW.

HVWUA – Hunter Valley Water Users Association

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Represents the water users of the regulated sections of the Hunter Valley as well as co-operating with water user's associations on un-regulated streams and ground water systems throughout the Hunter Valley.

IPART – Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal



Independent regulator that oversees and determines the maximum prices that can be charged for certain retail energy, water and transport services in NSW.

IAL – Irrigation Australia Ltd.



A national body covering the entire value chain of the urban and rural irrigation industry in Australia.

JIL – Jemalong Irrigation Ltd.



Supplies water from the Lachlan River to 119 shareholders in the district of more than 96 000 hectares of farming land.

LVW – Lachlan Valley Water



The peak body representing river and groundwater users in the Lachlan Valley, NSW.

MRFF – Macquarie River Food and Fibre



The peak industry group for irrigated agriculture in the Macquarie Valley, Central West NSW. A non-profit, non-political organisation supporting members to achieve a sustainable irrigation industry that meets the environmental, economic and social needs of local communities.

MDBA – Murray-Darling Basin Authority



Principle aim is to manage the Murray-Darling Basin's water resources in the national interest.

MIL – Murray Irrigation Ltd.



Australia's largest private irrigation company based in southern NSW. Its shareholders are the irrigator customers who own the landholdings to which the company supplies water.

MINCO – Ministerial Council (Murray-Darling Basin)



The Ministerial Council comprises Ministers from each of the Basin states and the Commonwealth who also chairs the council.

Ministerial Council has policy and decision-making roles for matters such as state water shares, and the funding and delivery of natural resource management programs, as set out in the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement.

MGI – Murrumbidgee Groundwater Inc.



Represents the interests of groundwater pumpers in the Murrumbidgee Valley. A large agricultural area of approximately 84,000 square km in South Western NSW.

MI – Murrumbidgee Irrigation Ltd.



One of the largest private irrigation companies in Australia serving over 3,200 landholdings owned by over 2,500 customers within an area of 660,000 hectares.

MIA – Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area



A diverse and productive region in Australia's Murray-Darling Basin. First established in 1912 after the commissioning of Burrinjuck Dam and expanded in the 1970's with the construction of Blowering Dam. The region has played a significant role in fostering cultural diversity with over 50 different nationalities now resident in the region.

MPI – Murrumbidgee Private Irrigators Inc.



Represents the interests of people who extract water from the Murrumbidgee River its tributaries, billabongs and effluent streams for the purpose of irrigation. Member locations range from Canberra to Balranald and from Morundah to Moulamein.

MVFFA – Murrumbidgee Valley Food and Fibre Association



Representative organisation whose key interest is in the protection of economic, environmental and social viability for the entire region.

Namoi Water



The peak industry group for irrigated agriculture in the Peel, Upper Namoi and Lower Namoi Valleys in the North West of NSW. A non-profit, non-political organisation supporting members to achieve a sustainable irrigation industry that meets the environmental, economic and social needs of local communities.

NFF – National Farmers’ Federation



The peak national body representing farmers and agriculture across Australia. One of Australia's foremost and respected lobbying and advocacy organisations.

NIC – National Irrigators’ Council



The peak national body for irrigators in Australia, providing a policy and political voice for those who use water for commercial agricultural or horticultural purposes across the country.

NRAR – Natural Resources Access Regulator



The NRAR is an independent regulator established under the Natural Resources Access Regulator Act 2017. The current regulatory focus for the NRAR is water regulation. The principal objectives of the NRAR are to ensure effective, efficient, transparent and accountable compliance and enforcement measures for the natural resources management legislation and to maintain public confidence in the enforcement of the natural resources management legislation.

NRC – Natural Resources Commission



Provides independent advice to the NSW Government on setting environmental targets and standards based on the best scientific, economic and social information available.

NSWFA – NSW Farmers’ Association



The representative voice of farmers in NSW.

NSWIC – NSW Irrigators’ Council



The peak body that represents more than 12,000 water access licence holders across NSW. Supports the development and growth of sustainable irrigated agriculture.

OEH – Office of Environment and Heritage



Works to protect and conserve the NSW environment, including the natural environment, Aboriginal country, culture and heritage and our built heritage, and manages NSW national parks and reserves.

QFF – Queensland Farmers’ Federation



Represents the interests of peak state and national agriculture industry organisations.

RGA – Ricegrowers Association of Australia



The collective voice of rice growers' in Australia. The RGA represents over 1500 voluntary members and supports growers on issues affecting the viability of their business and communities.

RWCWUA – Richmond Wilson Combines Water Users' Association



An organisation formed by water users from the catchments of the Richmond and Wilsons Rivers in North-Eastern NSW. It aims to represent at State level the interests of all rural and industrial users of both surface and ground water in the membership area.

SRI – Southern Riverina Irrigators



An irrigator body in the mid Murray Valley of NSW, operating since the 1960's. The focus is to develop water policy for irrigators in the original Government Irrigation Districts and now for the Murray Irrigation Limited area. The region's water is sourced from the Murray River via the Mulwala Canal and Colligen Creek.

SHL – Snowy Hydro Ltd.



Business providing a complex array of financial hedge and insurance products to participants in the electricity markets. Provider of electricity to the National Electricity Market.

Sydney Water



Australia's largest water utility. A statutory State-Owned Corporation, wholly owned by the NSW Government. Supply water, wastewater, recycled water and some stormwater services to over 4.6 million people in Sydney, Illawarra and the Blue Mountains. Drinking water is sourced from a network of dams managed by the Sydney Catchment Authority (most from Warragamba Dam), then treated and delivered to customers' homes and businesses by Sydney Water.

VFF – Victorian Farmers' Federation



State farmer organisation representing over 10,000 members who live and work on more than 15,000 farm businesses situated across Victoria.

WCPID – West Corugan Private Irrigation District



Serves approximately 300 properties covering an area of some 212,000 Hectares between the Murray river and Billabong Creek. The area is bounded by the towns of Corowa, Daysdale, Oaklands, Jerilderie, Berrigan, Savenake and Rennie.

WMI – Western Murray Irrigation



Privatized in 1995, a non-profit company covering three irrigation districts, Buronga, Coomealla and Curlwaa.

WGMB – Wine Grapes Marketing Board



Created in 1933 to represent the interests to wine grape growers within Griffith, Leeton, Carrathool and Murrumbidgee.

WaterNSW

New South Wales' rural bulk water delivery business. Owns, maintains, manages and operates major infrastructure to deliver bulk water to approximately 6,300 licensed water users on the state's regulated rivers.

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