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Consultation on developing a National Policy Statement for Water Resources

ADEPT welcomes the opportunity to respond to the National Policy Statement for Water Resources consultation. It views this as vitally important in order to tackle future water demand and would make the following comments:

- Supports the need for a strategic approach, as in other sectors such as energy and transport, for a more resilient water sector and water supplies that links to issues such as population growth, drought and climate change.
- Supports the proposal for a National Policy Statement for Water Resources that incorporates the principle of nationally significant water resources infrastructure projects.
- Supports the set of principles that underpin the approach being taken.
- Encourages effective and efficient communication and engagement with stakeholders explaining the need, national and local benefits and the opportunities that will result from this infrastructure.
- Suggests more emphasis is made of other benefits such as to health, agriculture and tourism.

ADEPT would be keen to be engaged in development of this in the future.