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The impact of global heating on our climate and the watercycles on which we are so dependent is only going to increase. There will be more frequent more extreme weather events, both of droughts and flooding rains. It is inevitable with our current trajectory of increasing greenhouse gas emissions.

I appreciate the use of updated climate forecast modelling in considerations for the water management strategy, but the Government needs to fully recognise the predictions. We need to plan for the worst. It is imperative that the needs of the environment and the health of the watersystems are the primary reference point.

The Western Region Water Strategy must have the regulation and management of water demand at the forefront of decision-making.

I endorse the submissions made by the Inland Rivers Network and Environmental Defenders Office.

Yours sincerely,