



Water Balance Task Group

The South East Queensland Regional Water Supply Strategy (SEQRWSS) is now in its second stage. Strategy task groups are examining a range of water issues in the SEQ region. A draft SEQ Regional Water Supply Strategy will be considered by the State Government in late 2006.

One of the six task groups is the Water Balance (WB) Task Group. This group is responsible for drafting the SEQ Regional Water Supply Strategy. Work being undertaken by this task group is critical to securing a sustainable water future for the region. In carrying out its tasks, the group will draw heavily on the outputs of all other Task Groups.

Its key role is to work with strategy partners on issues including:

- **Options for additional water supply sources and water use methods** to reduce the demand on water such as additional dams or weirs, recycled water, desalination plants, water restrictions and the use of water efficient devices (e.g. AAA rated shower heads).
 - Review water demands **across the SEQ region**, splitting into sub-regional figures where necessary.
 - **Review available water supplies** determined by the Water Availability Task Group as well as reviewing the ability of existing distribution systems to deliver supplies to the sub-regions.
 - **Develop water supply scenarios** that could meet the anticipated regional and sub-regional water demands and test these scenarios.
 - **Outline development program/s** catering for different sets of circumstances with "triggers" for various activities such as commencement of detailed investigations and designs, land acquisitions or start of construction.
- **Assess the risks** associated with supplying water and preparing a plan to deal with situations that may arise if water cannot be supplied and any unexpected events that may occur.