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## Submission Consultation Paper **Transparency measures**

Inland Rivers Network (IRN) supports that NSW establish a Public Water Register along the same lines as provided in Western Australia ie a Water Register that provides a web mapping tool which displays areas where surface water and ground water licences exist. Clicking on one of these licences provides a summary of water entitlement information including holder name and convictions.

The Matthews Report proposed that, as water generally is a community-owned resource, members of the public have a right to satisfy themselves that it is being used in compliance with the law.

It was recommended that a Public Register should include the name of holder, licence details and conditions, water entitlements, water allocations, meter readings, real-time water account balances and all trading activities.

IRN fully supports these recommendations and considers that a web mapping tool is the most appropriate way of providing this information.

The current availability of information is not transparent, is difficult to navigate and incurs a cost. A free web mapping tool that provides all recommended information is the best solution to providing the transparency measures that the community expects.

In regard to managing a single source of authority on when take of water is permitted, WaterNSW already has a system of communication in place to announce Supplementary Licence access at short notice in regulated river systems. These flows are generated from unregulated river systems and therefore, can be readily predicted and communicated.

A combination of web site information, email & SMS to appropriate licence holders should provide adequate communication. Flows in unregulated rivers should be treated in the same manner as supplementary inflows into regulated systems.

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