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Environmental Flows

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The National Water Initiative

- Identify the specific environmental outcomes
- Implement management practices to achieve the outcomes
- Establish and equip environmental water managers for the job
- Manage groundwater and surface water systems jointly
- Deliver environmental water across state boundaries



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- Allow environmental water managers to trade
- Make special arrangements for high conservation value water systems
- Ensure environmental water management is cost effective
- Ensure environmental water managers are fully accountable
- Conduct periodic independent audits of environmental achievements



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What needs to be done?

- Environmental managers must be widely known and well respected
- They should be expert and well resourced
- They should have the data and knowledge
- They should have the management tools and techniques
- They should be no less efficient and effective than their counterpart managers in the production sector



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NWI environmental water
management arrangements deserve
renewed attention *

* *NWC Biennial Assessment 2007*



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