



### Mission

The BWF mission is to support a long-term, strategic, whole-of-system approach to understanding and managing the Lower Burdekin water resources and associated systems, and thereby deliver long-term economic, social and environmental outcomes that ensure the region's sustainability.

**Burdekin Water Futures (BWF)** was established in 2006 to facilitate a more strategic approach to water management in the Burdekin. The role of managing the district's water resources is performed by several different bodies, operating at various levels. BWF brings these different bodies together so that there is greater coordination between them, and better alignment of their efforts.

BWF strives to:

- Broaden the level of discussion and debate about water through targeted meetings and other forums.
- Increase collaboration between stakeholders.
- Facilitate better integration of science, policy, management and community to improve understanding and management of the region's water.

The BWF is increasingly guiding more of the strategic thinking to support research and related activities being carried out in the Lower Burdekin, and has been instrumental in the development of the Lower Burdekin Groundwater Science Plan.

### Groundwater Science Plan

To address the many issues and challenges confronting the management of water resources in the region, the BWF contracted Sinclair Knight Merz with funding from NQ Dry Tropics to develop the Lower Burdekin Groundwater Science Plan. This plan:

1. Identifies and promotes a shared view of the priority groundwater science needs of the Lower Burdekin;
2. Captures stakeholder commitment towards addressing those priority groundwater science needs; and
3. Provides a focus for groundwater science investment in the Lower Burdekin

The Lower Burdekin Groundwater Science Plan is a critical document as it demonstrates a locally-developed strategic and integrated approach to addressing the region's water resource management issues and challenges.

### Want to know more about Burdekin Water Futures?

Visit the BWF website for more information on current activities, membership, forums, publications, and the BWF newsletter:

<http://www.clw.csiro.au/naif/casestudies/burdekin-water-futures.html>

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